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Thoroughbreds

By Salvator

Racing Season Fails To Disclose Single Dominant Horse On The Turf

Never before, within the recollection of the oldest inhabitant, has a racing season been so indecisive as this one.

There is no dominant 2-year-old.
There is no dominant 3-year-old.
There is no dominant older performer.

To which statement of fact may be added only the qualification, previously made in this department of *The Chronicle*, that while *Seabiscuit* dwarfs all other performers of the season on the basis of his early spring performances, he has not made a regular campaign nor been seen in the east at all.

The 2-year-olds have beaten each other back and forth.

The 3-year-olds have beaten each other back and forth.

The older horses have beaten each other back and forth.

On Friday of this week we are supposed to have at Pimlico the race whose raison d'être is the deciding of "the Horse of the Year." But it is evident in advance that it cannot fulfill its purpose. It will have only a small field, at most a quartet, perhaps only a trio. The result will settle nothing, in a large way. It will decide only (if it decides that much) which particular horse of three or four survivors of the season happens to be the best on that particular day.

And if it happens to turn in as great an upset as was the case two years ago, when *Seabiscuit* defeated *War Admiral*, it will simply leave confusion worse confounded.

In so far as the 2-year-olds are concerned, it had become the custom to stand by the result of the

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Judge Continues Winning Style At Park View

BY EDWARD DICKINSON

Frank Snyder's *Judge*, a heavy weight hunter who has been a consistent winner in the up-state New York shows all season, carried off the blues in both open jumping and knock-down-and-out at the Park View Horse Show Sunday, October 27, with Mr. and Mrs. Russell W. Sondheim's *King of Sports* taking the red in the first and John Vass's *Little Man* the red in the second of the above mentioned events. There was plenty of jumping off in the latter class, too—three times—but at each added trial *Judge* kept one

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SIGNORINO TOPS STEEPLECHASERS

Son Of Peter Hastings Wins Over 3 Mile Course Of Camargo Hunt

BY HARRISON FIELD

Signorino, owned and ridden by J. Folger Schaffner, won the 3 mile steeplechase for qualified hunters, feature event of the Camargo Hunt's 4th annual Hunter Trials held October 26 at Madeira, O., near Cincinnati.

The victory was an easy one with *Signorino* a good 10 lengths in front and galloping easily at the finish.

Be Devel, owned and ridden by Gordon E. Pape, was 2nd and Mrs. W. H. Chatfield's *John Stokes* with J. A. Bairnsfather up was 3rd. These were the only horses to finish out of a field of six. All are owned and were ridden by members of the Camargo Hunt.

The only outside horse, *Slim Pickens*, owned by Colonel W. V. Thraves of Lexington, Ky., was pulled up in the first mile when the rider, C. Waller Jones lost a stirrup leather.

Of the other two entries, *Ramble*, owned by Warner Atkins and ridden by Charles Undercoffer, fell and *Boston Bay* lost his owner—rider, Harrison Field, when he was carried wide and stumbled at a turn.

Signorino is a 10-year-old bay gelding by *Peter Hastings—Quince*, by *Spices*. He never ran on the flat having been purchased by Julius Fleischmann's Winding Creek Farm as a 2-year-old and later sold to Mr. Schaffner who has hunted him with Camargo Hounds for several years.

In last year's race, the first steeple-

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Exacting Course Tests Hunters Of Genesee

BY ALICE B. HEVENOR

For the third year in succession Mrs. Reginald B. Taylor's brown mare *Bright Lass* won the lightweight division of the Hunter Trials held by the Genesee Valley Hunt at the Bueg Farm, Genesee, last Friday, October 25, while Mrs. W. Austin Wadsworth's *Bees Wing* repeated his last year's win in the heavyweight class.

With more horses competing and with consistently good performances throughout, the trials were the best seen in the Valley in years. The course is ideal for showing not only a horse's galloping ability but his cleverness in trappy places, and while only two of the twelve fences are really upstanding, it takes a willing horse with handiness and bottom to make a good performance. There are two sharp L jumps, a good sized in-and-out in a boggy spot, a steep bank with a brook at the bottom to be taken both going out and coming in, some rough going through the woods and a mile-long swing through open country. Toward the finish there is a good quarter mile of straight galloping into the second L jump, which shows up whether a horse has a mouth or not, then the brook and a scramble up the bank, a sharp turn and a few strides into a 4-foot plank fence that really takes some jumping at this particular point.

There were twenty shown in the lightweight class, and while eight or ten made good enough performances to be called in for conformation judging by Frank Hodgson, whose eagle eye missed neither a falter nor

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BLOCKADE BESTS TIMBER HORSES AT ESSEX

Eleven Events Carded Over Stiff Timber And Brush Courses In 25th Meeting

The 25th Annual Essex Fox Hounds Race Meeting was held last week, Wednesday and Saturday, October 23 and 26, on "Froh-Heim", estate of E. B. Schley, near Far Hills, N. J. Eleven events were carded, with the best hunt meeting horses and big track 'chasers of the year taking part and resulting in exciting class-filled contests which all but called for photo-finish cameras and indeed, at times, necessitated the decision of the stewards.

It is a beautiful course that nestles in the Essex Hunt country, providing timber, hurdle, brush and flat circuits. The brush fences are ably designed and one of them is quite the largest fence of its kind in the world. Over this Grand National layout on Saturday, Mrs. Gwladys Whitney's *Gay Charles* demonstrated his ability to accomplish a big course of 3 miles, with the ease he has won on the big track infields at lesser distances, only to have the Fowler Memorial Cup taken away from him when his rider failed to observe the flags. F. Ambrose Clark's *Fay Cottage* who finished 2nd, suffered a like disqualification for flag cutting and when the numbers went up, it was Mrs. L. A. Park's **Crooked Wood*, as game as they come over park courses, with Mr. J. S. Harrison riding, who was awarded the Cup and the \$2,300 winner's share of the purse.

The top two of the timber great were in the field of 6 in the 23rd running of the New Jersey Hunt Cup, considered the stiffest event of its type in this country, next to the Maryland Hunt Cup itself. William

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Calabash Champion At Unionville Show For Hunters With Nancy Penn Smith Up

BY R. P. W. HARRISON

The one day Unionville Hunter Show, inaugurated last fall as an annual sporting event in the hunting country of Mr. Stewart's Cheshire Foxhounds, had its first renewal on Saturday, October 18, on the farm of Nicholas Ludington, Esq. Although it may be fairly said that the show ring was a bit too small, the new setting with a splendid outside course proved to be ideal in all other respects. Mrs. Peter Hagen, Mrs. John S. Harrison, Miss Bruner Hunneman, Miss Nancy Penn Smith, Miss Mary Mather, and Mrs. W. S. Stokes, Jr., whose executive ability is responsible for the origin of this excellent hunter show

are to be congratulated on its success.

Unionville's 18 hunter and jumper classes were favored with a fair but rather cool October day, which proved ideal for contestants. The W. Plunket Stewart's working hunter, *Sunny Rock*, the 8-year-old *Sun Edwin—Rocky Belle* gelding, who was planned with the 1939 champion hunter tri-color, was defeated this year by his striking 5-year-old stablemate, *Calabash*, owned and ridden by Miss Nancy Penn Smith. Shown in 7 hunter classes, Miss Penn Smith's gelded son of *Bell*

Casid—Hoover, whose dam was str-

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Fairfield Trials Go To Messenger With McCoy Reserve

"What is so rare as a day in June" but we wouldn't trade thirty of them for one such perfect October Sunday as blessed the Fairfield Hunter Trials last week. The pink coats of the riders, the red and white flags against the oak woods, the Naples blue sky looked like the scenes on blotters sent out by the more expensive saddlery shops.

Fairfield always gets a big entry, partly due to staunch support of its members and loyal friends, partly because the no-professional rule is not in force, and this year was no exception.

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The Horseman's News

One Jest Captures Empire City's Blackamoor

5-Year-Old Daughter Of On Watch Scores 4th Straight Triumph For W. C. Winfrey

W. C. Winfrey's *One Jest* turned her first appearance at Empire City's twelve day fall meeting into a fourth consecutive triumph as she thundered down the stretch at the close of a mile and 1-1-6 effort to win The Blackamoor Handicap by a photo-nose from P. Andolino's *Old Joe* on October 28. Before she came to Empire for that track's second meeting this season, the 5-year-old daughter of the Virginia sire *On Watch* accounted for three successive triumphs, all within this same past month, at Jamaica. Beginning her streak of victories with one over *Sweepalot*, *Confiado* and others at the Long Island oval on October 7, *One Jest* went on to score convincingly on the mile and 1-8 and mile and 70 yard distances in her outings of October 12 and October 18 respectively. In The Blackamoor on Monday, an affair for Class D horses *One Jest* covered the mile and 1 1-16 in the good time of 1.45 4-5, just two seconds off the track record established by *Sickle T.*, when he won the Yonkers Handicap at Empire's summer meeting last July.

Another of *On Watch*'s progeny, Mrs. F. C. Dunn's *Clocks* won his second straight six furlong affair within four days at Rockingham Park last Monday when he came home a length and a quarter before Mrs. J. Fox's *Whisper*. On October 24 the 7-year-old *Clocks* had scored a similar victory over Phil Bieber's *Squawker* and others. *Clocks* will be recalled as the winner of the Hialeah Inaugural two years ago when he raced under the colors of L. E. Ogle.

Lexbrook Stable's *Potranco*, 3-year-old son of the late Virginia sire *Judge Hay* who won the Hawthorne Speed Handicap earlier this month, brought further laurels to his Chicago owners last Saturday at Churchill Downs by winning The Brown Hotel Handicap, a 7 furlong all ages affair, from A. C. Ernest's *Alhalon*. It was the first time that *Potranco* has won in an effort of 7 furlongs and he covered the distance in the excellent time of 1.24-1-5, only one second off the track record which has stood for more than 19 years.

The Virginia-bred *Golden Voyage*, who races for S. Bachrach sped a fast 5 and 3-4 furlongs at Empire on October 23 when he won The War Cloud Handicap from a goodly field of Class C sprinters including W. H. Berri's *Early Delivery*, Tall Trees Stable's *Bill Farnsworth*, J. W. Brown's *T. M. Dorsett* and others. The 4-year-old son of **Happy Argo* accomplished the dash in 1.07 4-5, the exact time of the former track record which stood for 21 years and was only broken last year by *Fighting Fox* when he went the distance 1-5 of a second faster to win the Fleetwing Handicap.

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Thoroughbred Sales At Lexington October 14-17

Editor's Note: The summaries of the sales were commenced in last week's Chronicle and are continued this week.

Tuesday, October 15

Property of Hon. J. N. Camden	
Imola, br. m., 1925, by Whicome—Call Girl, by Hurry On; Cromwell Bloodstock Agency	\$ 2.100
Br. f., 1940, by Chance Play—Imola, by Whicome	Out
Cragrose, ch. m., 1928, by Craigangower—Rosa Mundi, by Plaudit; W. Day	300
Ch. c., 1940, by Stimulus—Cragrose, by Craigangower; Cromwell Bloodstock Agency	1.200
Avalona, br. m., 1929, by *Light Brigade—One Step, by Oddfellow; H. Oots	500
Br. f., 1940, by Chance Play—Avalona, by *Light Brigade; H. Oots	600
Norado, ch. m., 1933, by Stimulus—Magic Spell, by *Light Brigade; A. C. Ernst	4.400
Ch. c., 1940, by Chance Play—Morado, by Stimulus; J. F. Flanagan	1.600
Manresa, b. m., 1930, by *Light Brigade—Palette, by Peter Pan; W. Day	200
B. f., 1940, by Flying Heels—Manresa, by *Light Brigade; J. G. Brown	1.000
Azusa, b. m., 1930, by Nocturnal—One Step, by Oddfellow; J. A. Marfuso	450
B. f., 1940, Halcyon—Azusa, by Nocturnal; Cromwell Bloodstock Agency	500
Bracing, b. m., 1937, by *Sir Gallahad III—Exhilarate, by Stimulus	Out
Doggie Pan, br. m., 1937, by Bull Dog—Pampeluna, by Nocturnal	Out
Selenga, gr. m., 1937, by Jamestown—Stefana, by Stefan the Great	Out
Pretzel, ch. m., 1937, by Cohort or Hard Tack—Avalona, by *Light Brigade; W. Day	300
Rieta, dk. ch. f., 1938, by Stimulus—Glamour, by Galloper Light; W. L. Nutter	475
TOTAL:	\$ 13.625
AVERAGE:	\$ 1.041

Property of Belair Stud	
Merry Singer, b. m., 1937, by Singapore—Merry Gal, by *Sir Gallahad III; H. C. Ragan	\$ 700
Property of A. B. Hancock	
Torrential, b. m., 1927, by St. James—Equinoctial, by Ultimus; E. Zantker	400
Destiny Bay, b. m., 1927, by Campfire—Sagacity, by MacDonald II; H. C. Ragan	300
TOTAL:	\$ 700
AVERAGE:	\$ 350

Property of Marshall Field	
Aroska, ch. m., 1920, by Stimulus—McIma, by Sir Martin; W. P. Chrysler, Jr.	\$ 1.325
Caleycauthus, br. m., 1931, by Brown Bud—Pacific, by Sunstar; E. Zantker	425
Dancing Toy, br. m., 1927, by Achol—Dancing Biddy, by Juggernaut	Out
Maradadi, ch. m., 1930, by Stimulus—Virginia L., by McGee; W. P. Chrysler, Jr.	700
TOTAL:	\$ 2.450
AVERAGE:	\$ 817

Property of Charlotte Clay	
Parting Ways, br. or blk. m., 1924, by Prince Palatine—Dismiss, by Ogden; G. S. Claypool	\$ 125
Dk. b. c., 1940, by Hadagal—Parting Ways, by Prince Palatine; H. Oots	250
Althosa Naylor, ch. m., 1925, by Luke McLuke—Koon, Kalch, by *Rock Sand; J. L. Cleveland	200
Dk. b. f., 1940, by Hadagal—Firth, by *Wrack; Cromwell Bloodstock Agency	150
B. c., 1940, by Good Advice—Stretch Call, by Upset; C. J. Allgeir	125
TOTAL:	\$ 850
AVERAGE:	\$ 170

Property of George D. Widener	
Reliance II, b. m., 1928, by Rabelais—Tagus, by Alcantara II	Out
Sun Parafiance, b. m., 1921, by *Black Briar—Parafiance, by Paragon II	Out
Shady Lady, br. m., 1927, by Sun Toney—Grepuscul, by Meddler; W. P. Chrysler, Jr.	\$ 1.175
Property of Elmendorf Farm	
Fair Oaks, br. m., 1934, by Sickle—Pantica, by Fair Play; W. P. Chrysler, Jr.	\$ 875
Diamond, b. m., 1927, by Fair Play—Dark Sapphire, by Dark Ronald; J. L. Cleveland	150
Pantica, ch. h., 1925, by Fair Play—Donna Roca, by *Rock Sand; D. Davis	400
Natica, b. or br. m., 1926, by Stefan the Great—Donna Roca, by *Rock Sand; W. P. Chrysler, Jr.	1.150
Needle, br. or gr. m., 1932, by Stefan the Great—Thread, by Gainsborough; D. Davis	1.000
TOTAL:	\$ 3.575
AVERAGE:	\$ 715

Property of Hal Price Headley	
Silver Lagoon, ch. m., 1933, by Polydor—Silva Plana, by Sandanapale; W. Day	\$ 250
Property of Lee Marks	
Morsel, blk. h., 1927, by Vulcan—Sweet Bun, by Asceba; J. B. Barnes	\$ 150
Property of Thomas Platt and Earl B. Smith	
Farm Bill, b. h., 1936, by Whiskalong—Tweenty, by St. Germans; J. W. Bell	\$ 125
Property of Military Stock Farm	
Kentucky Babe, b. m., 1925, by Sarmatian—Pastella, by Strephon; J. B. Barnes	\$ 75
Lady Caprice, br. m., 1929, by Prince of Bourbon—Humored, by Trap Rock; J. Muth	25

Court Manor Stud Grosses \$225,225 For 101 Head

A year ago when B. B. Jones' Audley Farm Dispersal reached \$218,425 for an average of \$1,642, for the 134 head, horsemen contended that it would be many a year before such figures would be exceeded, yet when Fasig-Tipton Co., completed the Court Manor dispersal Wed. Oct. 30, for the late Willis Sharpe Kilmer a new record was made. Following David N. Rust Jr., of Leesburg, Va., successful bidding of \$19,500 for **Gino*, the sale was concluded in the late afternoon, as 101 head of broodmares, weanlings, 2 and 3-year-olds and stallions brought \$225,225 for an average of \$2,230.

Walter Chrysler, Jr., a busy bidder through the day, (sitting beside Arthur B. Hancock,) buying ten in all went to \$4,500 for the **Sun Briar* mare *Sun Miss*, for the high before the noon recess, Mr. Chrysler, Jr., bought 7 broodmares and 3 weanlings, paying highest for *Polly Egret*, 1931, by **Polymelian—Egret*, by *Friar Rock*, at \$6,900 and \$6,500 for *Dinah Victory*, 1932, by *Victorian—Dinah Did*, by Colin. In all he was the big buyer with a total expenditure of \$36,300.

Summaries Next Week

Chaucerita, b. m., 1924, by Chaucer—Careful Kitty, by High Time; J. B. Barnes	40
Careful Kitty, b. m., 1930, by Gay Kitty, by High Time; J. B. Barnes	40
Ch. f., 1940, by Pairhyppair—My Lady, by Tea Caddy; Cromwell Bloodstock Agency	475
TOTAL:	\$ 655
AVERAGE:	\$ 131

Property of Greenwich Stud, Inc.	
Good Choice, dk. br. m., 1935, by Waygood—His Choice, by Hessian; J. Walters	\$ 125
High Continent, b. m., 1934, by High Time—Thekla, by Waygood; W. Day	250
Exempt, br. or blk. m., 1932, by Waygood—Playmate, by Peter Pan	Out
TOTAL:	\$ 375
AVERAGE:	\$ 187

Property of Howe Stable	
Lueur, b. m., 1921, by Bruleur—Luciana, by Codoman; G. S. Claypool	\$ 75
Isolt, b. m., 1927, by *Sir Gallahad III—Head Over Heels, by Celt; T. Platt	375
Glow Star, b. m., 1932, by Spion Kop—Lueur, by Bruleur; J. B. Barnes	35
Priores, gr. m., 1928, by Pomper—*Persuasion, by Roi Herode; K. McDowell	170
*Double Dutch, b. m., 1922, by Bachelor's Double—Marvel of Peru, by Spearmint	Out
Aquellita, br. m., 1935, by Dis Done—Aquellita, by Cudgel; W. Day	300
Cambodia, ch. m., 1927, by Campfire—La Gioconda, by Marco; Cromwell Bloodstock Agency	30
TOTAL:	\$ 985
AVERAGE:	\$ 164

Property of B. M. Browning and F. M. Sackett	
Brown Charmer, br. or br., 1926, by *Brown Prince II—Joy's Delight, by Gay Crusader	Out
Property of Edgar Zantker	
Margaret Mary, blk. m., 1931, by Larkin—Sweepdale, by Sweep; Millwood Farm	\$ 225
Property of Douglas M. Davis	
Br. f., 1940, by Zacaweista—Night Flower, by Busy American; High Hope Farm	\$ 375

Property of Garrett Watts and J. O. Keene	
Ch. c., 1940, by Jean Valjean—Onewlike, by Vandergrift; H. Maybrier	\$ 350
B. f., 1940, by Jean Valjean—Gladys N., by Vandergrift; H. Maybrier	450
Ch. f., 1940, by Grand Slam—Sis Em, by Sir Martin; G. Watts	125
TOTAL:	\$ 825
AV. RAGE:	\$ 242

Property of J. J. Siri and J. O. Keene	
B. c., 1940, by Jean Valjean—Silver Wave, by Vandergrift; G. Watts	\$ 750
Property of J. O. Keene and Homer Maybrier	
Absurdity, blk. m., 1923, by Fagan Pan—Inquiry, by Ampelion	Out
Property of H. N. McClelland and Horace Nuckols	
Sunshine, ch. m., 1924, by Tchad—Whirl, by Jack Atkin	Out
Ch. f., 1940, by Hadagal—Sunshine, by Tchad	Out
Property of David W. Collins	
Louise Hobson, b. m., 1932, by Beau Gallant—Winne Stuart, by Theo Cook; J. W. Bell	\$ 100
B. f., 1940, by Good Advice—Louise	

Veteran Jumper Garners \$5,000 At Laurel

Louis B. Meyer's Ossabaw Adds Another Stake To Record With Chevy Chase 'Cap

Louis B. Meyer's black gelding *Ossabaw*, veteran of many types and conditions of races, added one more brush stake to his list of triumphs last week when he led from start to finish of the Chevy Chase Steeplechase Handicap at Laurel on October 23. Opposed by five other aspirants for this 27th running of the famous \$5,000 added, "about 2 1-2 mile" feature, including Rokeby Stable's recent Governor Ogle Handicap winner *Good Chance*, the 6-year-old son of **Grandace* went to the post under topweight of 158 pounds, thus giving away exactly 20 pounds to Thomas Hitchcock's 4-year-old *One-ecce* whom he headed across the finish line by two lengths.

Coupled in the betting with *Ossabaw* as favored to win was E. B. Schley's **Dolly's Love*, from the same training stable of Oleg T. Dubassoff, saddler of the late famed *Farndale*. Both **Dolly's Love* and *Good Chance* were in at 4-8 and the latter was ridden by Jockey Cruz in place of his usual rider Roberts who suffered a broken collar bone when Rokeby's *East Liberty* fell with him on the preceding Monday.

Just as in the Governor Ogle the week before, *Ossabaw* was taken to the front at the start by Jockey Penrod while Roby restrained **Dolly's Love* well off the pace. *Good Chance* went strongly after *Ossabaw* and appeared ready to dispute the command at any moment when suddenly a bad

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Hobson, by Beau Gallant; J. W. Bell	100
TOTAL:	\$ 200
AVERAGE:	\$ 100

Tuesday Night, October 15	
Property of W. B. Flanders	
Br. c. by Islam—Justina, by King Heather; C. R. Gooch	\$ 500
B. c. by Sazene—Annapola, by Sunspiro; F. B. Bean	200
Ch. f. by Nassack—Witchbrook, by *Necofel; J. Williams	175
B. f. by Rerd—Sparkling Miss, by Busy American; J. B. Blakeney	125
TOTAL:	\$ 1,000
AVERAGE:	\$ 250

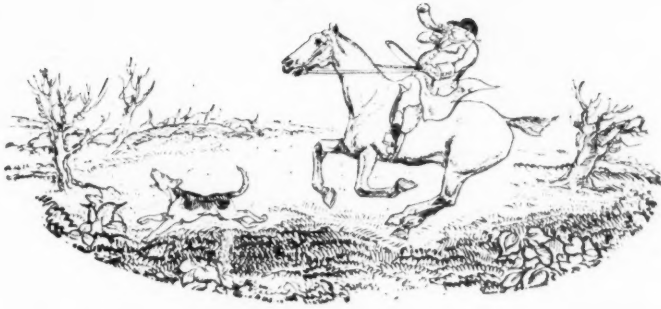
Property of Burton H. Jackson	
Br. c. by Whicome—Polly Reigh, by Reigh Count; J. Williams	\$ 225
Property of F. M. Browning and F. M. Sackett	
Ch. f. by Miesetop—Goodway, by *Waygood; H. Wise	\$ 350
Blk. f. by Roman Soldier—Poseur, by *Waygood; J. B. Blakeney	575
Ch. c. by Miesetop—Dickey Lee, by *Omar Khayyam; F. J. Flanagan	1.100
Br. c. by Roman Soldier—Dusica, by *Waygood	Out
TOTAL:	\$ 2,025
AVERAGE:	\$ 675

Property of Mrs. H. C. Wells	
Ch. c. by Wise Counsellor—Golden Stairs, by Colonel Vennie; T. H. Heard	\$ 3.300
B. f. by *Tacoon—Predicament, by *Waygood; Mrs. W. C. Hobson	500
Ch. c. by Good Advice—Keene Lady, by American Ace; T. H. Heard	550
Ch. f. by Miesetop—Meviana, by *Waygood; Mrs. I. Lemons	125
TOTAL:	\$ 4,475
AVERAGE:	\$ 1.119

Property of Mrs. H. C. Wells and W. B. Miller	
Ch. f. by Infinite—Good Return, by Olambala R. Gaines	\$ 300
Property of Hon. J. N. Camden	
Ch. c. by Chance Play—Morado, by Stimulus; Mrs. W. L. Humbley	\$ 1.000
Property of R. M. Young	
B. c. by Transmute—Soul Mate, by Argos; P. Reilly	\$ 800
Ch. f. by Epithet—Denroy, by Viceroy; S. H. Hill	400
TOTAL:	\$ 1,300
AVERAGE:	\$ 600

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Hunting Notes:-



GREEN SPRING VALLEY HUNT

Glyndon, Maryland.
Established 1892.
Recognized 1904.



KESWICK HUNT CLUB

Keswick, Albemarle County, Virginia.
Established 1896.
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Saturday, October 12.

The opening afternoon meet at the clubhouse brought out a large field. Mr. Decourcy Wright, the David Mc Intosh Jr., Rieman Mc Intosh and Benjamin Griswold came down from Harford and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Franklin, who bought the old Merryman place "Hayfields" last year, were amongst the newcomers to our regular field. Jack Shaw, as our competent Master, led the field and Redmond Stewart Jr., has joined Stewart Janney as honorary-whipper-in.

It was a very warm day with the thermometer at 85 degrees. On leaving the club we drew the "Snow Hill" covert where hounds found but couldn't get out in the open. Later in the afternoon, drawing Mr. Wilbur Miller's woods West of his "Pleasant Hill" estate, the huntsman viewed a fox away and we ran in two loops to the North and West for about 40 minutes, holling in the same covert where we found.

Tuesday, October 15.

Hounds met at Melinda's Prospect Farm at 9 o'clock and drew the big covert to the West, then through Mr. Harry Fisher's and Mr. Martin's woods. It was very warm and dry and scenting was poor so we didn't have much sport. Tuesday morning is always ladies' day and they were well represented.

Thursday, October 17

The meet was in the North Western section of our country at Pleasant Grove. The huntsman was sick so Jack Shaw, our master, hunted hounds. We found almost at once on leaving the meet, but being so dry it was difficult for hounds to follow a line across country, though they hunted well in the woods.

Saturday, October 19

We met at "Stone Hall," which is the heart of our best country, in a driving snow storm. We found in the Southeast end of Cole's Hill, ran through Nick Ford's to Mrs. V. L. Black's turning right across "Stone Hall," ran the length of Cole's Hill across the Cuba Road at the upper end and circled back through Mr. Miller's property. The whip viewed the fox heading back towards Cole's Hill through "Stone Hall" and finally hounds were called off due to darkness.

Tuesday, October 22.

We met at Shawan drawing the big covert to the Southwest, we got on a fox but it was steadily getting warmer with a South, Southeast breeze and hounds couldn't follow the line. Again it was completely ladies' day.

Thursday, October 24

We seem to be having summer

We opened our cubbing season the middle of September with quite a few successful mornings. Now that the Texas Tick Quarantine has been lifted we are able to enjoy the good rolling country south of Keswick, bordering both sides of Route 250; where most of our best runs have occurred. Due to the non-activity in these particular sections the number of foxes has been greatly increased.

On October 2, meeting at "Glenmore", home of Mrs. Julia MacGruder, hounds were cast down in the north woods and working in a semi-circle around the farm they picked up a hot line in the Southeast. A brisk run of about forty minutes, doubling back and forth after a young red terminated in our first kill. The brush was presented to Mrs. J. J. Riley.

Probably the best run, to date was on Saturday, October 5. The meet held at Raynham Hall, home of Mrs. Fawcett Greims. Moving promptly at 6:30 hounds immediately jumped a red in the pine woods heading South towards the Nichols farm. Skirting Nichols' we doubled back, recrossing the railroad to gallop on over the nicely panelled front fields of Rugby. The fox was viewed as he crossed back again going Southeast past "Woodbine." We then settled down for a fast run down in the flat country, eventually circling into the back of Nichols and on into Musselman's.

The heat of middle morning discouraged scenting so after a good workout for both horses and hounds we blew in about 10 o'clock.

The opening drag followed schedule on Saturday, October 19, meeting at "Cloverfields", the home of Miss Margaret Randolph at 2:30 P. M. A sudden change of weather offering a cold and drizzling afternoon, rather than being discouraging to the participants was welcomed in comparison with the heat and dryness of the previous week.

Casting in the front field, we moved down parallel with the drive, providing an excellent view for those watching in the cars. After the "Cloverfields" in-and-outs a good gallop ensued across "Clover Hill" going towards "Castalla", then turning North to check at the foot of the mountain. Circling around "Clover

weather again, the meet was at the York and Thornton Hill Roads, intersection, the master was away so Stewart Janney Jr., took the field. We drew "Family Hill" and due West through to Nick Ford's and Cole's Hill. It was very hot and when hounds got on a line they couldn't seem to follow it.—E. H.

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Chestnut Ridge Hounds met their official opening day fixture, on Sunday, Oct. 13, on an unseasonably hot afternoon. Some 25 had turned out for the drag, following Miss Evelyn Thompson, (1939) joint-master

Hill" we found ourselves in back of "Cloverfields" going straight down the cut-away of the power line which brought us into the mountain field of "Harkway for the second check.

Hounds were lifted and recast in back of McIntyres, here the line carried us down through the orchard over part of the Hunter Trial course to end at "Tall Oaks." This proved quite a popular course and although not of our longest, a very suitable one for a first drag. From 4 until 7 the Hunt Club doors remained open welcoming members and their guests.

and I. L. Horewitz, field-master. G. Fred Rieman, (1937) joint-master with Miss Thompson, was absent, having recently taken up residence in Indiana. Though somewhat removed from the Chestnut Ridge country, of approximately 22x28 miles in the vicinity of Uniontown, Pa., Mr. Rieman still anticipates returning frequently to get with hounds this season.

Some 5 couple of American hounds and as many of cross-bred, along with 2 couple of English are kept in kennels at the Lazy Hour Ranch, Dunbar, Pa. Hounds are transported to the meet by truck and very ably hunted by Bert C. Cence and Miss Posey Boyd, honorary whipper-in.

The drag is customarily laid from horseback, though on some occasion the dragman gets down and walks the course. Varying intensities of scent are used in relation to conditions. The distance is usually from 12 to 15 miles, with checks only when hounds must work it out.

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Notes From Great Britain

Racing Calendar When Published Will Be Smallest On Record Due To Curtailment

By J. FAIRFAX-BLAKEBOROUGH

It is hoped after all to bring off the St Leger—probably at Newmarket on October 31st. The abandonment of the second meeting at Hurst Park will necessitate the re-opening of the race but it is not probable that entries will be affected. There has never been a greater anomaly in Turf history than this year's Leger—the only Yorks Classic and consequently the greatest.

Mainly because there were so few runners, the first thirty or forty vols of the Racing Calendar were comparatively small. Those which preceded Messrs. Weatherby's Calendar (the first of which was published in 1773), were still smaller. That of 1940 will be the most attenuated record of past racing ever issued by Messrs. Weatherby. Moreover it will have little value historically, or as a guide to Turfites or breeders. Generally the Racing Calendar acts as a supplement to the Stud Book but the 1940 issue will be of little or no assistance in this respect.

Breeding bloodstock, like racing, has become a tremendous industry in which millions of pounds are invested and in which thousands of men are employed. This does not alter the fact that only a few studs show a profit and that comparatively few owners of racehorses find their figures add up right over a period of years. Breeding racehorses must always be a lottery, though in many cases the tickets are passed remuneratively from stud owner to the racing man. Old Tom Green, the famous Beverley and Hambleton trainer, used to say of the young stock sent to him "Money wouldn't buy the two-year-olds under my charge until they've been tried. Then I'd sell some of them for two penn'orth of gin." What he meant was that a lot of the well-bred and high priced yearlings bought at Doncaster and other sales, proved so bad that it would best pay their owners to go to no further expense and to have them destroyed. I give place to no one in my love of the thoroughbred and the horse generally, but I am more than ever convinced that it would be well if this course was more generally followed today. Not only would racing be better for the absence of a lot of indifferent animals not fast enough, or possessed of sufficient stamina, but horse breeding would benefit by the elimination of weeds, and, in the long run it would be a kindness to Turf misfits which descend otherwise lower in ignominy until they are exported to the Continent for butcher's meat, find their way into a riding school or the shafts of a hawker's cart. It is strange that after all this time, all the close study and the tremendous sums of money expended in experimenting, we have not yet produced a 'type' of thoroughbred and are no nearer breeding with any certainty of results.

Those who stand a chance of making money by running a stud are the few lucky ones who have 'fashionable' stallions which command high service fees and produce a number of good winners amongst their first crop of foals. Whether in the future

there will be many able to pay these fees remains to be seen. Probably so long as there are big stakes to be won, and high honors to be gained on the Turf, there will be those who will look upon bloodstock as a form of investment sounder than many others in which the element of risk exists. There seems to be a general feeling amongst breeders that matters will automatically right themselves when the war is over. They believe that overhead charges will be regulated by the prices paid for bloodstock at the sales, and that though America may be more of a competitor in the market than hitherto, France and Germany will not be able to enter into competition. Indeed, the position of the progeny of the excellent stock in France is at the moment obscure. It is understood that many of the best animals which were located in France, have been taken to Germany, so that both the English and French Stud Books will be closed to their offspring in view of the uncertainty which must surround such stock. This would mean that even if these animals competed in our English classics they would run as "pedigree unknown," and their stud value would be practically nil.

Because we have placed the thoroughbred on a pedestal as the equine aristocrat, many of us dislike selling races for what they have become and hate to see racehorses knocked down for a fiver or a tenner, apparently without thought as to their future, and feel that 'raffles' for racehorses, and racehorses offered for sale at cattle markets, are incongruous and beneath the dignity of bloodstock. The other day the farmers around Wetherby and Tadcaster set themselves to raise £3000 in aid of the Red Cross. They received many gifts of cattle and pigs and, in addition, two or three racehorses. 'Fastick' (winner of a few events) and a mare, 'Romney Queen'. The cause is a good one but somehow the thoroughbred seems out of place at a mixed sale of this character. Equally strange was the appearance in the sale ring at Thirsk of a pet lamb. This was a gift from Captain Elsey, the Malton trainer, towards the 'Blue Peter' Spitfire fund. We occasionally have seen goats, ponies and other close friends and travelling companions of racehorses in paddocks but never before a lamb in a race course sale ring. Naturally there were jokes as 'skinning the lamb', a bookies' expression (not so frequently heard these days!) for a race on which they had not to pay out—alias 'a skinner'.

At Manchester someone asked if the Pecks were one of the oldest families of trainers in England. They rank with the Days, Darlings, and Waughs in this respect. Charles Peck, who in 1900 succeeded C. Morton as private trainer to the late Mr. S. Joel, and now trains at Foxhill, Wilts, for Mr. J. B. Joel, is the second son of the late Robert Peck, who died in 1899. It is interesting to recall that Mr. Charles Peck's uncle, Lenny Hesseltine (died 1846) introduced what is known as 'the monkey seat' before Tod Sloan was born, so for the matter of that, did the late John Osborne, of Middleham. Percy Peck, elder brother of Charles, died 1938 after training many classic winners.

Speaking of jockeys, one wonders how much truth there is in the old saying that they are "born and not made." If this is so jockeys are born in strange places and of parents with no sort of connection with stables or sport, which rather knocks on the head the old stories of the

influence of inherency in horsemanship. Take that good and coming boy Geoffrey Littlewood, as one of many examples (Gordon Richards, Donoghue, the Wraggs and Weston are others). Littlewood, who is now attached to Sir Victor Sassoon's stable, so well managed by Miss Jeannie Clayton, knew nothing whatever about horses or riding before going as apprentice to Captain Hogg. Born in 1919 at Birdwell, near Barnsley, West Yorks, Littlewood tells me that so far as he knows there is not one drop of 'horsey' blood in his veins, as neither his mother or father, or their antecedents, have ridden or had any interest or connection with horses. There are some trainers who will tell you they prefer boys who have never ridden in preference to those who have a mere smattering of saddle experience and think they know it all.

Our woodlands are painted with a hundred different hues. Their rides, like country lanes, are already carpeted with leaves. Soon there will be the Autumn rains and frosts which together will produce that peculiar odour ('dank' I fancy is the word) when dying vegetation gives—an odour which so baulks hounds as to save the life of many a fox. Undergrowth still stands high, particularly bracken from which it is often impossible for hounds to get a fox or cub away. This hillside and woodland pest-fern (which continues to spread) in some places stands as high as a man, and not until we have a serviceable frost will it bow its head. Of course the country will ride very 'blind' until we get such a frost, but this year the clearing of the hidden ditches will not give the usual satisfaction to hunting men, for there is to be little or no furious fun across country, although it will inevitably happen (indeed it has done so already) that hounds will on occasion get away with a fox on a screaming scent, and that those few out with them will take a pull at their girths, push their hats further on their heads and their feet right home in their stirrups—and ride like the devil.

Normally at this time of the year there would be hoof-marks amongst the leaves on woodland rides telling of horsemen and horsewomen who love the cry of hounds better than their beds, and who had in the early morning watched the young entry at work, and seen the young cubs being hustled round the woodlands. There are however, this year few sportsmen and sportswomen riding forth in the nippy morning air as

the smoke begins to ascend from farm and cottage chimneys, but cubs are being hunted, the cry of hounds and cheery note on the horn is being heard by a select few. I know already of packs which have accounted for 3 (some more-) brace on single mornings in accordance with the encouragement from the Ministry of Agriculture to Masters of Hounds to hunt and to slay ruthlessly. There is no thought of leaving sufficient foxes to show sport in the regular season, no restraining economy—rather a slaughter which has gone much against the grain of all sportsmen. Never did Will Ogilvie's warning to the aristocrat of the woodlands ring out with more fatal clarity than during this rather hateful cubbing season of 1940:

There's a sudden note on the huntman's horn—

Beware, little cub, beware!

There's a queuing pack in the tangled thorn

By the open earth where your bunch were born.

And death's abroad on this dew-wet morn.

So, take care, little cub, take care!

And what after October? Some packs will continue operations much as they are now being conducted—it will virtually be an extended cub-hunting season. The Committee of the ancient Gaothland Hunt at a meeting the other day heard from their chairman that "There is a general feeling in the country that hunting should continue for the purpose of keeping down foxes, but that there should be no hunting on spectacular lines. It behooved them (he said) to keep the flag flying, for if the Hunt went down he was afraid it would never start again." Whatever the distant future may have in store for foxhunting in Great Britain it will take more than the present war to kill it, though the poverty of everyone will undoubtedly have a serious influence, more on modes and manners, (that is to say externals,) than on sport itself. Even though some packs through force of circumstances are temporarily abandoned, I am convinced that there are young bloods who will see to it that they are revived and that

.....lads of our line shall carry ahead

The torch that was lit by men long dead;

And never a fence that our grand-sires flew


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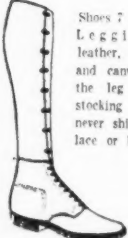
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Thoroughbreds

By Salvator

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Belmont Park Futurity. As a rule the winner rested on his laurels, claimed as his vested right both the kudos and the epinikion.

But we have said good bye to all that. Now he is supposed to keep right on racing as long as there is anything to race for, and if from this ordeal he emerged with a badly dented shield and broken sword, well, it's just too bad—for him.

That has already happened this fall to **Our Boots**, impressive winner of both the Futurity and the preceding Futurity Trial, crashed at Keeneland when, with what seems inferior strategy, he was sent after a comparatively insignificant stake. But in such cases it is often the little things that count. **Our Boots** was beaten into third place for the said i. s. and is no longer a champion. His trip to the Blue Grass in quest of easy money resulted in an item in the red.

As regards the 2-year-old fillies, we have the spectacle of no less than three of them almost dead-heating for the money-winning honors and the stake-winning as well.

From the stake-winning standpoint **Level Best** seems outstanding. Her form is also the highest. From the money-winning standpoint both **Valdina Myth** and **Misty Isle** outpoint her. But **Misty Isle** outran the **Valdina** filly both times they met. Then, in their only meeting, **Level Best** outran **Misty Isle**.

Ordinarily we look to the Sellma Stakes, as the season's most valuable event for junior fillies, to tell us which is the queen. But this season neither **Level Best** nor **Misty Isle** was eligible to it (a costly oversight on the parts of their breeders) and **Valdina Myth** carried it off. . . . Leaving a very equivocal situation.

As regards the 3-year-olds, **Bimelech** failed to go on as expected, though in all probability the best of the bunch. **Gallahadion's** Kentucky Derby was followed by a dismal and almost uninterrupted series of defeats. **Sirocco** won the Classic and then broke down in the American Derby. A lot of critics thought after the Belmont Stakes that **Your Chance** was the colt of the year and would go on to prove it. But **Fenelon** raced him into submission at Saratoga and Belmont Park. As for **Fenelon** himself, after high early form he took sick and was weeks in the hospital, forfeited all his engagements in the classics, returned in midsummer to show very high form again, became a hero at The Spa and in the Realization and Jockey Club Gold Cup, and then came to grief in the New York Handicap.

There will be many men of many minds when it comes to assessing these colts.

As regards 3-year-old fillies, there are three that stand out—not just one. **Damaged Goods** took the Acorn Stakes and Coaching Club American Oaks in impressive style in the early season. She then proceeded to live up to her name in the most consistent way.

Fairy Chant came along next and approved herself highly. She seemed the "oomph girl" of 1940. But presently **Salamina** put in her claim. And there the three are. **Fairy Chant** stands best as a money-winner. **Salamina** has shown herself a router from 'way back when. **Dam-**

FAIRFIELD TRIALS

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ception: proceedings opened with a working hunter class of nearly thirty entries. Contestants must pull up at the sound of a horn and then jog to the next fence, and the anticipation of its music produces a "Going to Jerusalem" mental frame in many. Mrs. James C. Clark, the eventual winner on her **Happy Message**, was first horse and had not read the conditions, so when, in the midst of a flawless performance, she heard the horn, she stopped and inquired what the matter was in no uncertain language.

Happy Message has the most perfect manners in the world, does it all on a loose rein; she was lacking in pace, if fault must be found. Ex-master Palmer's brown Mr. **Beal** was second, a grand-striding, bold-jumping horse that looked a little shy of fitness coming up the last hill; the Clarks' **Smudge** was third, and J. C. Penney's real hunting four year old, **Stove Polish**, with young Billy Steinkraus obviously having a beautiful ride, fourth in the lightweight class.

In the lightweight class, **Sun Faun** which had seemed to go perfectly in the working class, had another good round and was put over **Happy Message**, which shows a little wear for a strip class. Another Penney four year old, **For Sale**, had a slashing performance to be third, and Master Alf Allen's alter ego, **Broadway Bill**, fourth, though many thought he could have been higher, as he had fully as much pace as the second horse, but was marked for lack of it. When he came in surrounded by the Fairfield hounds for the exhibition, he looked as proud and happy as a hen with chickens.

To be very Gaelic, the heavy-weight class was rather light in numbers and quality of performances. **McCoy**, the Lasker's ex-show horse, now owned and ridden by Cappy Smith, came out to win it. He went very well, a bit strong on the down grades, but looked better than he ever has. Another show horse, **Dalchoolin**, which has been a good winner all summer, was second, and neither of them looked a bit the worse, except for shortness of breath after their gallop across God's country, thus disproving the hot-house, glass case treatment usually deemed necessary for their ilk.

Six teams came out for the hunt team class, a sight to stir the blood of the most blasé. Marian Clark won with her three chestnut hunt horses, and well deserved it was, as they all went beautifully, jumped well and were of a type. Second went to Carleton Palmer's cross matched team; third to three bays of the Fairfield Junior Hunt, ridden by the juniors Marian Louk, Billy Steinkraus and Hugh Dean. All records for the course were broken, three panels of a fence went with the wind, and

aged **Goods** was all wool and a yard wide until she began to ravel along the edges. . . . You pays your money and you takes your choice.

Altogether, there are some rare arguments in the offing and which ever is acclaimed which by the oracles, you may be sure that none of them will receive a mandate.

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JUDGE CONTINUES STYLE

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barrier ahead for the first. Frederick K. von Lambeck's **Anonymous** won the amateur jumping, with Leo Buckbinder up and later had the second in novice jumping where the blue went to William J. Evens' **Little Irish**. **Jenny**, exhibited by the Lake Mont Seminary and reputed a winner down in Pennsylvania did some nice jumping but was too spectacular in getting started—had two thirds—but if she really has done so well elsewhere, I'd like to know what she was doing in a novice jumping class where she had the third.

And that's a point that has characterized practically all of the western New York shows for the last two years—horses by no trick of the imagination novices, are permitted to be shown as novices because there is no official record kept of their winnings in the local shows or because a green and truly

a general impression of a Panzer Division was given, but they surely had oomph.

The conditions for the championship were: "To be awarded by the judges to that horse which in their opinion is qualified to give the best day's sport in a country similar to that over which the course has been laid. Previous performance to be considered, but the relation of quality, conformation and performance to be at the discretion of the judges."

When the dust, which was purely conversational, had settled, **Happy Message** was champion, and **McCoy**, shown in one class only, reserve. The horses had not even jogged, much less moved under saddle. It was quite a different technique from Greenwich the week before, when the judges actually rode all the contestants.

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Following is a list of winners by sires standing in all East Coast States which have scored during the past seven days, from Wednesday, October 23, through Tuesday, October 29.

BLUE PETE (Va.) Patapasco, 4, ch. g. (Lady Baltimore, by Dick Fennell), RkP., Oct. 26, 6 f., cl., 1.13 4-5	\$ 600
BOATSWAIN (Mass.) Boat La Donna, 2, b. f. (La Donna Mobile, by Sweep), SpP., Oct. 29, 6 1/2 f., cl., 1.26 2-5	\$ 625
BUD LERNER (Md.) Learner, 4, b. f. (Orissa, by Purchase), SpP., Oct. 24, 8 f., cl., 1.01 4-5	\$ 625
CATALAN (N. J.) Eluro, 2, br. c. (Ozone, by Stimulus), AgC., Oct. 27, 5 1/2 f., cl., 1.07 4-5	\$ 350
CHALLENGER II (Md.) After Dawn, 2, b. c. (After Dark, by Pompey), Lau., Oct. 29, 6 f., allow., 1.13 3-5	\$ 700
CLAPTRAP (Va.) Journey On, 6, br. g. (Elopement, by High Noon), Em., Oct. 29, 5 1/4 f., Class C 'Cap., 1.09 4-5	\$ 1,320
DISCOVERY (Md.) Magnificent, 2, b. c. (Minnant, by Penant), Lau., Oct. 26, 6 f., allow., 1.13 3-5	\$ 850
DR. FREELAND (Va.) Ugin, 7, ch. g. (Sweepless, by Sweeper), RkP., Oct. 29, 6 f., cl., 1.13	\$ 675
DUNLIN (Va.) Scotch Trap, 4, b. g. (Scotch Bess, by Mackenzie II), Em., Oct. 26, 5 1/4 f., cl., d. h., 1.08 4-5	\$ 637
GINO (Va.) Dispose, 2, b. c. (Swiftly, by Swift and Sure), Em., Oct. 28, 5 1/4 f., M. Sp. W., 1.08 4-5	\$ 775
GRANDACE (R. I.) Unknown Land, 2, b. f. (Oroya, by Master Charlie), Lau., Oct. 23, 6 f., M. Sp. W., 1.15 3-5	\$ 700
HAPPY ARGO (Va.) Free Miss, 2, ch. f. (Glyn, by Delhi), SpP., Oct. 23, 5 f., mdns., cl., 1.03 2-5	\$ 625
HAPPY TIME (Md.) Fitmiss, 2, ch. f. (Ready, by High Time), Lau., Oct. 24, 6 f., cl., 1.14 3-5	\$ 700
JACK HIGH (N. J.) Baggrave, 3, ch. g. (Sun Edah, by Sun Briar), RkP., Oct. 24, 6 f., cl., 1.13 4-5	\$ 600
KANTAR (Md.) Ballast Leaf, 3, br. c. (Sun Lightship, by Sun Briar), BM., Oct. 25, 6 f., 1.13 4-5	\$ 675
LADKIN (Md.) Gino Thor, 3, ch. g. (Sun Thor, by Sun Briar), ChD., Oct. 28, 6 f., cl., 1.12 1-5	\$ 600
LANCER (Md.) Henry Pick, 4, b. g. (Sunmel, by Sun Briar), RkP., Oct. 25, 1 1-16 ml., cl., 1.48	\$ 600
LUCULITE (Va.) Ossabaw, 6, blk. g. (Eileen W., by Knight	

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HAPPY ARGO (Va.) Golden Voyage, 4, b. c. (Golden Billows, by Golden Maxim), Em., Oct. 23, 5 1/4 f., Class C 'Cap., 1.07 4-5	\$ 1,350
HAPPY TIME (Md.) Ever Time, 2, ch. c. (Everfair, by Fair Play), RkP., Oct. 25, 6 f., cl., 1.14	\$ 600
HYDROMEL (Va.) Young Agnes, 6, b. m. (Lost Agnes, by Out the Way), SpP., Oct. 23, 1 1/8 ml., cl., 1.59 2-5	\$ 625
JACK HIGH (N. J.) Highmost, 6, br. g. (Tittania, by Dark Legend), AgC., Oct. 27, 1 1-16 ml., cl., 1.48	\$ 350
Highscope, 4, lt. b. g. (Stefana, by Stefan the Great), Em., Oct. 28, 5 1/4 f., cl., 1.09 2-5	\$ 775
Well Read, 3, ch. f. (Liseuse, by Rabelais), RkP., Oct. 24, 1 1-16 ml., cl., 1.47 2-5	\$ 675
JOHN P. GRIER (N. J.) Free Again, 7, ch. m. (Fretia, by North Star III), RkP., Oct. 24, 6 f., cl., 1.14	\$ 600
JUDGE HAY (Va.) Judge's Bid, 4, br. g. (Mary Bidwell, by Paicines), Lau., Oct. 24, about 2 ml., chase, cl., 4.08	\$ 700
Potranco, 3, br. g. (Essie Wessie, by Sir Peter), ChD., Oct. 26, 7 f., 'cap., 1.24 1-5	\$ 1,100
KANTAR (Md.) Son Altesse, 3, b. c. (Her Grace, by Bright Knight), Lau., Oct. 24, 1 ml., 70 yds., allow., 1.44 4-5	\$ 850
LADKIN (Md.) Annikin, 4, b. f. (Annie Rooney, by Wrack), Lau., Oct. 24, 1 1/8 ml., cl., 1.56 2-5	\$ 700
Domkin, 3, dk. b. c. (Dominast, by Dominant), Lau., Oct. 25, 6 f., allow., 1.13 1-5	\$ 850
LANCER (Md.) Lovely Dawn, 2, b. f. (Fretia Night, by Nocturnal), RkP., Oct. 25, 1 1-16 ml., allow., 1.48	\$ 675
LUCULITE (Va.) Nipponese, 6, dk. b. g. (Tokio Belle, by Man o'War), RkP., Oct. 23, 1 5-8 ml., cl., 2.50 3-5	\$ 675
Oasis, 3, b. f. (Orissa, by Purchase), Em., Oct. 24, 5 1/4 f., cl., 1.09 3-5	\$ 775
MILKMAN (Va.) Daily Delivery, 2, ch. c. (Timely, by High Time), Em., Oct. 26, 5 1/4 f., cl., 1.09 4-5	\$ 775
NEDDIE (Va.) Clamor Girl, 2, ch. f. (Flossine, by Whiskaway), Lau., Oct. 29, 6 f., cl., 1.14 3-5	\$ 700
Marlon Collins, 2, ch. f. (Floradana, by The Porter), RkP., Oct. 29, cl., 1.12 4-5	\$ 600
ON WATCH (Va.) Clocks, 7, b. h. (Sox, by Donnacona), RkP., Oct. 28, 6 f., cl., 1.14	\$ 600
Clocks, 7, b. h. (Sox, by Donnacona), RkP., Oct. 24, 6 f., cl., 1.13 2-5	\$ 600
ONE JEST, 5, b. m. (Queen of Jest, by Black Jester), Oct. 23, 1 1-16 ml., Class D 'Cap., 1.45 4-5	\$ 1,350
PICK OF THE CIRCUS (Va.) Circus Wings, 3, ch. f. (Rattlewings, by General Thatcher), RkP., Oct. 25, 6 f., cl., 1.13	\$ 600
PILATE (Va.) Roman Governor, 2, ch. g. (Cuba Belle, by Transvaal), ChD., Oct. 26, 6 1/2 f., mdns., cl., 1.20 2-5	\$ 600
Sky Ball, 4, br. c. (Sun Maiden, by Sundridge), RD., Oct. 26, 1 1-16 ml., cap., 1.45	\$ 850
PLAYTIME (Conn.) Real Play, 5, br. m. (Real Pardon, by Blotter), RD., Oct. 23, 6 f., cl., 1.12 1-5	\$ 385
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POMPEY (Va.) Sextus, 5, b. g. (Enticing, by Over There), BM., Oct. 25, 1 1/8 ml., allow., 1.56 2-5	\$ 625
Stand In, 6, ch. g. (The Spare, by John P. Grier), ChD., Oct. 29, 1 1-16 ml., cl., 1.49 1-5	\$ 600
SIR GREYSTAKE (Md.) Steel Jacket, 5, b. g. (Reigh Shot, by Sunreigh), AgC., Oct. 27, 1 1/2 ml., cl., 1.54 4-5	\$ 350
ST. HENRY (Va.) Santan, 7, ch. g. (Ann C., by Rockminister), RD., Oct. 29, 1 1-16 ml., cl., 1.49 2-5	\$ 425
STING (N. J.) Cansting, 3, b. f. (Cannon, by Catalan), Lau., Oct. 24, 1 ml., 70 yds., M. Sp. W., 1.47 2-5	\$ 700
STROLLING PLAYER (Va.) Mitza, 2, dk. b. f. (Mad Eagle, by Mad Hatter), Em., Oct. 23, 5 1/2 f., M. Sp. W., 1.07 3-5	\$ 775
SUNADOR (Va.) Lucia's Sun, 3, b. c. (Superlette Lou, by Luculite), BM., Oct. 24, 6 f., cl., 1.13 1-5	\$ 625
SUN BEAU (Va.) Belle Eian, 6, dk. ch. m. (Eian, by Royal Lancer), RD., Oct. 28, 1 ml., 70 yds., allow., 1.42	\$ 700
Bon Jour, 2, b. g. (Chaucerita, by Chaucer), Lau., Oct. 28, 1 ml., 70 yds., mdns., cl., 1.47 3-5	\$ 700
Dark Beau, 6, dk. b. g. (Dark Victory, by Traumer), RkP., Oct. 28, 1 1-16 ml., cl., 1.49 3-5	\$ 600
SUN BRIAR (Va.) Sun Alexandria, 5, dk. b. h. (Alexandria, by Pharos), Lau., Oct. 23, 1 1-16 ml., cl., 1.49 1-5	\$ 800
TEDDY (Va.) Tedbriar, 3, ch. f. (Sunmella, by Sun Briar), Lau., Oct. 23, 1 1-16 ml., Class C 'Cap., 1.48 1-5	\$ 850
TIME MAKER (Va.) Half Time, 6, ch. g. (Karelia, by St. Henry), RD., Oct. 25, 6 f., cl., 1.13 3-5	\$ 525
Orchids Next, 4, b. f. (Rose, by My Play), Em., Oct. 23, 1 1/2 ml., cl., 2.37	\$ 975
TOURNAMENT II (N. J.) Burston Manor, 5, ch. g. (Albington Betty, by Old Koenig), ChD., Oct. 26, 6 1/2 f., cl., 1.20 1-5	\$ 600
TROJAN (Md.) Indiantown, 10, ch. g. (Galatia, by Trompe la Mort), BM., Oct. 24, 6 f., cl., 1.12 4-5	\$ 625
Manymore, 4, b. g. (Gallia, by Sir Gallahad III), RD., Oct. 25, 1 ml., 40 yds., cl., 1.44 3-5	\$ 625
Mattapony, 6, b. m. (The Squaw, by Jim Gaffney), RkP., Oct. 25, 6 f., cl., 1.13 2-5	\$ 600
WESTWICK (Va.) Saphi, 4, ch. f. (Miss Stanley, by Trap Rock), RD., Oct. 26, 6 f., cl., 1.13 3-5	\$ 385

CHESTNUT RIDGE

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half-bred Mr. Jorrock's of this hunt, who had been reserved until the very last minute for Mr. Rieman. There are many pleasant surprises in store for one in his first outing with Chestnut Ridge. There is much open country, big rolling and hilly fields and very satisfactory panelling. The greater percentage of the panels are put in to turn livestock so stand from 3'-3" to '3-8".

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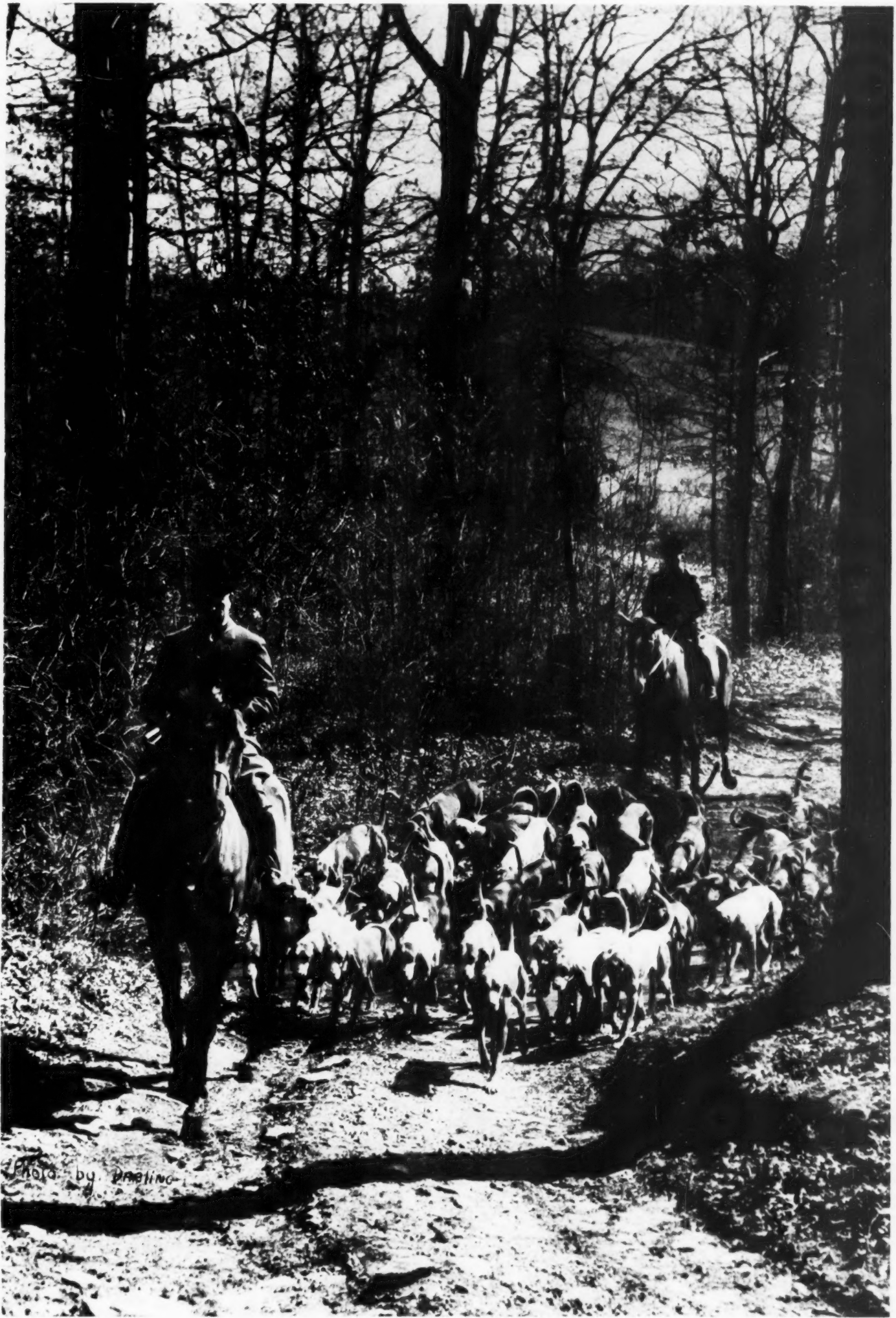
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C. E. Tuttle's BLOCKADE with Mr. Fred Colwill up, won the "toughest timber race in America, next to the Maryland," last Saturday, as he scored in the 23rd renewal of the New Jersey Hunt Cup. At top, he is #3, over the first as #4, HENCHMAN, takes out a rail and has Mr. E. R. "Ned" Owen calling a cab. The grey, #1, is Mr. Hugh O'Donovan on his JUSTA RACKET. Extreme left is Mr. George Strawbridge on BUNGTOWN; back of BLOCKADE is LUCIER, Mr. John Bosley, III up and COQ NOIR, Mr. R. P. Hamilton up, trails. BLOCKADE romos on out in front in the lower picture after HENCHMAN fell at the 2nd. BUNGTOWN, LUCIER and COQ NOIR are in order.

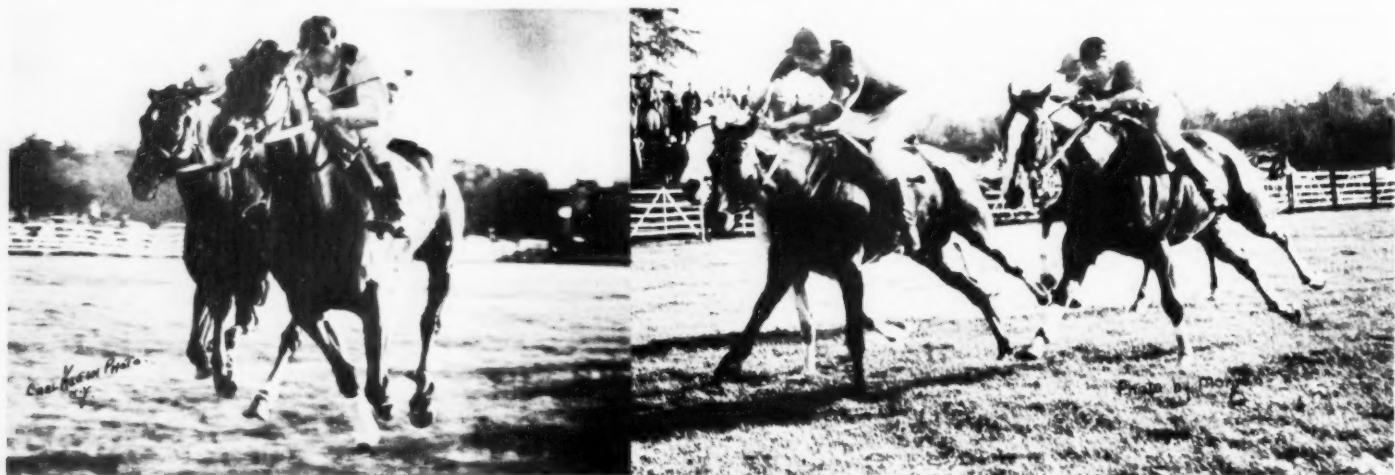
TIOGA TAKES THE FROH-HEIM, WEDNESDAY FEATURE AT ESSEX, MR. BOSLEY, III UP



R. V. N. Gambrill's TIOGA, #7, with Mr. John Bosley, III riding, scored a handsome win in the Froh-Heim, Wednesday feature at Far Hills, and is pictured above landing ahead of Groton Stable's CANIO, the grey; back of him is R. K. Mellon's NEVER SURPRISED (white cap), then from R. to L. are: ROSARIUM, Mr. R. P. Hamilton up; OIL OPERATOR, W. Leonard; BUTTON BUTTON, P. McKenna and RED RAIN, H. Little. At the finish it was TIOGA by a half, CANIO by a nose, and RED RAIN a length in front of ROSARIUM, as pictured, below right.

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*COTTESMORE CHAMPION 'CHASER WINS PEAPACK ON FLAT-----FINISH OF FROH-HEIM, TIOGA SCORES



George H. "Pete" Rostwick is a sporting owner and gave the Essex spectators a rare treat on Saturday when he sent his great champion 'chaser *COTTESMORE to the post in the 1 1/2 miles on the flat in the Peapack, and Jockey Frank Slate banged him home by a neck. Richard K. Mellon was equally sporting in sending his 5-year-old *LONGCHAMP II into the running, weighted at 165, giving *COTTESMORE 16 pounds. Mr. J. V. H. Davis rode a cracking finish.

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EXACTING COURSE

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a bit of clever footwork, the performance of **Bright Lass** was so outstanding that her winning never was in doubt. This is the mare that Mrs. Taylor, joint-M. F. H. with Mrs. Seymour Knox of the East Aurora Hunt, rides twice weekly on the sporty drag up Buffalo way. Bred by her owner, she is a 16.1 hand top lightweight by **Peace Pennant-Gasoline**. Mrs. Taylor gave her a beautiful ride. She went at a smart pace, jumped faultlessly and proved a fine strip in the judging paddock, and so the popular Master of the East Aurora took home another plate presented by Ernest L. Woodward, ex-M. F. H. of the Genesee Valley Hunt.

Second went to Miss Constance Colt's lovely 4-year-old chestnut mare **Livvy**. This young mare made a splendid performance and had the conformation to back it up. In third place was Mrs. Philip Hevenor's chestnut gelding **Red Knight**, a compactly made "big, little" horse that picked up points for his care through the trappy part of the course. Among the others called in for good performances were Eric Hedstrom's **Mufhit**, recently purchased from Miss Allithea Cary and ridden to a good round by Mrs. Taylor; Miss Peggy Shiverick's little, bay mare **Me Too**, who carried her young owner over the course in first flight style, and Miss Beverly Ann Brennan's **Fantan**, another child's hunter who can hold her own in any company.

Next to the lightweight class in interest was that for teams of three with plates presented to the winners by Mrs. W. Austin Wadsworth. Seven teams competed and most of them had excellent performances. The three winning teams had not a tick between them and their pace and spacing was excellent. First went to the chestnut team composed of Miss Colt's **Livvy**, Miss Barbara and Talmadge Woodward's **Castle Bridge**. Next was the brown team made up by Robert Glover on **Dunmore**, Mrs. Talmadge Woodward on **Good News** and Mrs. Philip Hevenor on **Woodsman**. Mrs. Taylor with **Mufhit**, Don W. Patterson with **Ard Patrick** and Mrs. Hevenor with **Red Knight** made up another chestnut team to place third.

There were eleven in the middle-weight class, which went to Miss Allithea Cary on her good looking, big, chestnut **Limited Risk**, a horse that has done well for her in the show ring as well as the hunting field. Miss Stowe's **Pegasus** was a good second over Miss Jane Noonan's attractive **Gray Girl**, another that has won many ribbons in the show ring and is equally good across country. The plate was presented by Oscar Soule.

FAIRFIELD TRIALS

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SUMMARIES

Working Hunters—1. Happy Message, Mrs. James C. Clark; 2. Mr. Beal, Carleton H. Palmer; 3. Smudge, Mrs. James C. Clark; 4. Stove Polish, J. C. Penney.
Lightweight Hunters—1. Sun Faun, Gerard S. Smith; 2. Happy Message, Mrs. James C. Clark; 3. For Sale, J. C. Penney; 4. Broadway Bill, Mrs. Alfred G. Allen.
Middle and Heavyweight Hunters—1. McCoy, Morton W. Smith; 2. Dalchoolin, Mrs. Walter Kees; 3. Gambler, Mrs. Arthur L. Faubel; 4. Mr. Beal, Carleton H. Palmer.
Hunt Teams—1. Fairfield County Hounds; 2. Carleton H. Palmer; 3. Fairfield Junior Hunt; 4. Chestnut Team.
Champion Hunter: Happy Message, Mrs. James C. Clark.
Reserve: McCoy, Morton W. Smith.
Judges: Mr. Thomas C. Asheton, Port Chester, N. Y., Mortimer B. Fuller, Jr., M. F. H., Abington Hill Hunt, Scranton, Pa., and Alvin Untermeyer, Greenwich, Conn.

It would take a month's journey to find six nicer young things than were shown in the suitable class for 3-and 4-year-olds under saddle. Mr. Hodgson agreed with the opinion of every other judge who has passed upon him this fall when he placed Maxwell Glover's 3-year-old **No Hurry** at the head of the line. This chestnut son of **Hurry Off** improves every time he comes out. Even since he won the grand championship at the Genesee Valley Breeder's Association show in September he has grown and filled out, and he has a lovely, free, true way of moving to go with his outstanding conformation. Second to him was Miss Colt's **Livvy** and third was James D. Anderson's attractive, black filly **Peggy Jr.**

SUMMARIES

Lightweight Hunters—1. Bright Lass, Mrs. R. B. Taylor; 2. Livvy, Miss Constance Colt; 3. Red Knight, Mrs. Philip Hevenor.
Middleweight Hunters—1. Limited Risk, Miss Allithea Cary; 2. Pegasus, Miss Barbara Stowe; 3. Gray Girl, Miss Jane Noonan.
3- & 4-year-olds—1. No Hurry, Maxwell Glover; 2. Livvy, Miss Constance Colt; 3. Peggy, Jr., James D. Anderson.
Heavyweight Hunters—1. Bees Wing, Mrs. W. A. Wadsworth; 2. Castle Bridge, Talmadge Woodward.
Teams of Three—1. Livvy, Pegasus and Castle Bridge, Miss Constance Colt, Miss Barbara Stowe and Talmadge Woodward; 2. Dunmore, Good News and Woodsman, Maxwell Glover, Talmadge Woodward and Mrs. Philip Hevenor; 3. Mufhit, Ard Patrick and Red Knight, Eric Hedstrom, Don W. Patterson and Mrs. Philip Hevenor.

VETERAN JUMPER

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landing at the 6th fence separated him from his rider and **Ossabaw's** ablest opponent was out of the running. With **Good Chance** thus eliminated, F. Ambrose Clark's **Lancastrian**, under the light impost of 133 pounds, followed along in nearest pursuit of the pace until the final half mile.

Ossabaw was jumping faultlessly and appeared stronger than in his previous outing, though he had doffed only two pounds from his former burden. ***Dolly's Love** made a move on the back stretch the last time, overhauling the weakening **Lancastrian**, but did not threaten the leaders. **Oneechee**, however, came up with a rush when two fences from home and made a determined and game effort to reach **Ossabaw**. The latter, with Penrod riding him hard through the final quarter, still showed considerable speed and managed to hold the Hitchcock gelding safe as they thundered down the stretch and over the line. ***Dolly's Love** was well able to save the show by more than a length from **Notley**, another Hitchcock color-bearer who had been unable to keep up, but came in ahead of the tired **Lancastrian**, the last to finish.

SUMMARIES

Wednesday, October 23
Chevy Chase Steeplechase Handicap, about 2½ mi., 4 & up, purse \$5,000 Added; winner: Louis B. Mayer's blk. g. (6), by Imp. Grandace—Eileen W., by Knight of the Garter, trained by Oleg T. Dubassoff.
1. Ossabaw, 158, J. Penrod
2. Oneechee, 138, W. King
3. Imp. Dolly's Love, 148, T. Roby
Six started; also ran: Notley, 135, A. Scott; Lancastrian, 133, F. Bellhouse; lost rider: Good Chance, 148, R. Cruz; time: 4:41 2-5.

Thursday, October 24

4 & up steeplechase, cl., about 2 mi., purse \$1,000; winner: M. B. Goss' br. g. (4), by Judge Hay—Mary Bidwell, by Imp. Paicines; trained by owner.
1. Judge's Bid, 140, H. Clements
2. Playdema, 144, J. Mason
3. Sir Romeo, 145½, W. Bland
Nine started; also ran: Carls Choice, 147, G. Gibson; Sweet Me, 135, R. Miller; Spinach, 140, W. Poland; lost rider: Leucite Junior, 143.

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Friday, October 25

4 & up steeplechase, cl., about 2 mi., purse \$1,000; winner: D. B. Barrows' b. m. (10), by Chatterton—Blue Moss, by Imp. Wrack; trained by owner.
1. Quakerstreet, 141, Mr. E. H. Bennett
2. Perfect Liar, 144, H. Grant
3. Pine Tag, 144, H. Clements

Ten started; also ran: Danny Deever, 135, T. Roby; Tam O'Shanter, 146, B. Anstett; Peter Pine, 140, Mr. J. Harrison; Wrackonite, 136, R. Miller; lost rider: Rockden, 151, E. Mitchell; Rouge Catalan, 139, W. Poland; fell: Scurry Along, 141, T. Terrill; time: 4:04 3-5.

Monday, October 28

3 & up steeplechase, allow., about 2 mi., purse \$1,000; winner: Thomas Hitchcock's ch. c. (3), by Coronach—Refraction, by Imp. Mc-

Gee; trained by P. Green.

1. Fairford, 130, W. King
2. Balk, 144, G. Walker
3. War Lance, 135, E. Jennings
Eight started; also ran: Chaloner, 135, T. Roby; Frantz Wilhelm, 150, H. Clements; Sir Romeo, 143, W. Bland; Flycatcher, 143, H. Cruz; lost rider: Strolling On, 138, G. Smoot; time: 4:01 2-5.

Tuesday, October 29

4 & up steeplechase, cl., about 2 mi., purse \$1,000; winner: S. B. Wing's ch. g. (8), by Broadside—Queen of Sheba, by Imp. Donnacona; trained by V. H. Barrow.

1. Broadside King, 148, T. Roby
2. Snobby Scamp, 114, J. Penrod
3. Santi Quaranti, 148, Mr. W. Jones
Six started; also ran: Dundrillin, 141, W. Bland; Rockden, 145, G. Walker; Fatty, 151, C. Brooks; time: 4:03 1-5.

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Editorials

OUR RENDEZVOUS AT COVERTSIDE

By the first of November the official foxhunting season has begun. Cub-hunting is over, hounds are supposed to have received their pre-season training, cubs have been routed from coverts and sent scurrying for their lives. The stage is set for sport and hounds, horses and men meet their first fixtures filled with expectation, replete with enthusiasm. Pink coats are in evidence, all the color, romance and excitement of foxhunting at its best are seen in these first meets as foxhunters wait at covertside, listening as the huntsman throws them in, listening as he cheers them on their work, listening as feet pad through leaves, sterna weaving gaily above tall grass, and finally, thrilling to the marrow of their bones as the opening cry bespeaks the find and the huntsman's cheer harks them forward to the sound of his "Gone Away".

It is a great pageant, this first day of hunting, but this year, there is a greater significance, a deeper note behind the opening day. This sport which is dear to the hearts of so many American horsemen is not an American made one. Far from it. Every detail of foxhunting, as practiced by the recognized American packs is taken from England. Hounds are hunted, cheered and harked in a language founded in England. Hunts have borrowed their clothes from England, their horses came from English stock. The whole atmosphere and spirit of hunting as it is known in America sprang directly from England. Hunting started in this country because of a heritage for sport, born in England and transplanted by England's sons when they came here to live. This heritage is a great one, so great, that when England with her tradition of sport that is centuries older than ours, is faced with possible annihilation, the foxhunter in America is drawn irresistibly to England and finds himself suddenly closer to England than, perhaps, any other group in the world who are not English themselves. Every hunting day the foxhunter enjoys, brings to his realization the knowledge that England developed this sport, that England carried it on for years before this country was conceived and that now sport in England, to all intents and purposes is at a standstill while the might and courage of the English race, tried on every field, is put under a fire so severe, so fierce, that it is almost inconceivable how a human race can bear so much and still survive.

Throughout this season, even though it be the greatest season in the history of American foxhunting, every foxhunter will somehow feel that the sport which he is carrying on is sport under trial. The great English sporting books are ours. We have adopted the English songs on sport, the lore of Peter Beckford, the music about John Peel, the poetry of Masefield, the humor of Surtees, the art of Fernley, Alken, Sartorius and a score more, all of these things mean much to a foxhunter. It is as if, truly, in the struggle going on now, that our sport, too, were at stake and we know, too, that this is true, for if England and her great sporting tradition should fall before the invader, never to rise again, America would lose her greatest inspiration for the chase. Founded and steeped in the English tradition, American foxhunting must be inseparably bound with England. Today in England, as our packs move to covertside, English packs are hunting still, hunting to aid the farmer keep foxes down. We have a debt of gratitude to England, a debt that we owe for our days with hounds which we wish went on without end, and so we have a rendezvous at covertside this fall with a nation we cannot forget.

Cub Hunting In Wartime

By A. Henry Higginson, M. F. H.

The terrier sleeping on the foot of my bed stirred uneasily and growled. "Quiet, Lion", I murmured, and pulled the covers over my head. The growl was repeated, and then the lights went on and I realized that someone had come into my room.

"What is it, John", I muttered, "an air-raid?"

"No Sir" came the answer, "You told me to call you at half-past five, Sir, and it is after that now. You're hunting to-day, Sir. The horses are ordered for six o'clock."

I had an intense desire to countermand the horses and tell my man to go away again,—one always has that desire at the beginning of the cubhunting season; but I smothered a curse and reached out my hand for the cup of hot coffee which was by my bed, knowing that that would put new life into me. It did, and half an hour later, I was on my horse and on the way to the meet. I call it a "meet" more out of courtesy than anything else, for there are no meets in the cubbing season, and no regular fixtures in these days anyway. Hounds are out for "business purposes" only—not for sport. We must help the farmers, who have so loyally preserved foxes for us in the days when foxhunting was followed for sport alone, and when we hoped for a good hunt even more than for "blood". Things are different now, foxes must be kept down, if hounds are to justify their existence, and the enemies of foxhunting must have no chance of asking questions in the House of Commons.

My road led North,—away from the sea-coast, away from that bit of country which to-day is guarded by the soldiers of the King, where we once hunted the fox in the good old days before the wild beast of Europe threatened this pleasant land. As we jogged along the road which led toward the hills I looked toward the sea over the rolling downs where the heather is just beginning to show in great patches of deep purple, and wondered how long it would be before we galloped over their slopes again behind a pack of hounds. In the distance I heard the drone of an aeroplane, and looking skyward saw the Dawn Patrol winging over the countryside keeping watch lest some marauding Nazi raider made an attempt to machine-gun the cattle in the fields, or the men toiling early and late to gather the harvest that is to help England win the war. There is a mighty harvest in England this year, and fields that have lain idle for many seasons are yielding great crops of wheat and oats and barley, which must be safely garnered and stored away against a day when it is needed.

On the high ground which overlooks the broad expanse of downs which stretch in every direction, there is a small search-light emplacement, and as we approached the entrance to the little camp which is manned each night, I saw a fox steal across the road. He was in no hurry, and apparently had no fear of the troops which had invaded his domain. "Lucky beast", I thought to myself, "you've no war to trouble you." A mile farther on, we passed a little farmstead nestling in the valley, and here everything looked the same in spite of the fact that there was a great encampment which covered the hillsides beyond. It was odd to see the downs covered with tents, for the troops were still under canvas, camouflaged in every conceivable colour and blending with the soft browns and greens of the downs on which they nestled. We turned up a lane which led close by the encampment which lay on our left, and I noted as we rode along that the rabbits which live in the hedges were not in the least disturbed by their military visitors,—they scuttled across the lane, just as they always have. The camp was fully awake and one saw squads of men doing their morning "setting up exercises" outside the tents, or hurrying to their breakfast.

Half a mile further on, standing near the edge of a covert, I came on an officer who was evidently listening to something. He saluted as I rode up, and said:—

"Good-morning, Sir; wonderful morning isn't it? Perhaps you can tell me where hounds are this morning? I heard they were meeting near here, and I thought I heard them a moment ago."

"Yes", I answered, "very likely you did, they should be close by somewhere. I know they planned to draw Colt's Wood, about three-quarters of a mile beyond here, and they're sure to find there quickly."

We stood there listening, and sure enough presently we heard the faint sound of a horn, and then the huntsman cheering his pack into covert. Suddenly there came the single note of a hound, and then another and another, and then—the shrill halloo of a whipper-in, as the pack broke into full cry and the glad sound came down the wind. The officer's face broke into a radiant smile.

"God", he said, "that's good to hear—that's the best sound I've heard since the war began. They sound as if they were coming this way. Can't we get on some high ground and catch sight of them?"

"There's a gate just beyond this covert" I said, "we can turn left there and get up on a little rise of ground, they're almost certain to swing this way—here, catch hold of my stirrup leather."

Together we hurried up the hill and there as I had hoped we caught sight of the pack driving toward us, huntsman and whipper-in close at their heels, and a few riders strung out behind them. They were running in the valley below us, and as we looked they swung toward the little wood we had just left.

"Watch out", I said, "the chances are that cub will try the earthen in the covert below us, and if they're stopped, as they're sure to be, he might break near here—aye—here he comes." A beaten cub showed outside the covert's edge for an instant and seeing us, dodged back again.

"Tally-ho—b-a-i-c-k" shouted my companion, "just in there, Huntsman," he pointed with his stick to the edge of the covert—

Hounds came out, the cry stopped, and they swung back. There was a worrying snarl and a snap, and then the unmistakable sound that comes when hounds kill.

"They've got him, Sir", said the huntsman dismounting. He turned to the officer,—"would you hold my horse a minute, Sir?" He went into the covert and came out a minute later with what was left of the bedraggled cub.

"Whoo-whoop" he cheered. "Whoo-whoop, little bitches; break him up."

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UNIONVILLE SHOW

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ed by Sweeper, a son of Sweep, won 3 blue ribbon awards to acquire 15 championship points. J. Newton Hunsberger, Jr.'s consistent working hunter mare, **Houris**, never won a class but obtained 8 points by placing in the ribbons on 3 occasions to receive reserve honors and defeat **Sunny Rock**, the winner of the large working hunter class by 1-2 a point. Miss Nancy Penn Smith, who narrowly missed riding the champion and reserve winners of the show by this slim 1-2 point margin, scored a very popular victory with her green hunter, **Calabash**.

Dean Bedford, master of the Pemberton Beagles, and John K. Shaw, Jr., M. F. H. of the Green Spring Valley Hunt, came from their respective hunting countries in Maryland to judge. In the green hunter class, in which 18 contested, **Calabash's** performance was a little sticky and he went unplaced when the judges pinned Mrs. Owen J. Toland's model 4-year-old, **Bright Ember**, with the blue. This son of **Woodcraft—Virginia Leonore**, a winner of 4 large classes at the recent Bryn Mawr Show, was also judged best 4-year-old under saddle over **Wee Dutchess**, a classy bay mare by **Joe Moronie 3rd** owned by Sidney Glass, and Miss Joan Ames' **Cleveland Bay** 4-year-old, **Farnley Argosy**.

After going again without a ribbon in the open to all event, which was won by the J. Hale Steinman's great open jumper, **Gossip**, **Calabash** was shown at a walk, trot, and canter to score his first blue in the hunter hack.

In addition to her own hunter, **Calabash**, Miss Nancy Penn Smith rode almost all the Plunket Stewart entries in the hunter events. In the large ladies' hunter class, of the 8 entries that were called back to the ring to be judged under saddle on conformation and suitability, 4 had been ridden over fences by Miss Penn Smith. **Calabash** was finally named the winner of this interesting competition. Mrs. Peter Hagen rode the Stewart's Bryn Mawr reserve champion, **Gay Queen** in the final half of the class to secure the red ribbon over the Hunsberger mare, **Houris**, who was well ridden by Miss Betty Mills.

Calabash failed to win the thoroughbred hunter ribbon when the entries of Miss Deborah G. Rood scored a double victory by winning the blue and the 3rd. Because, the

leedy looking **Repulse** mare, who who was judged 2nd to **Bright Ember** in the green hunter event, after lengthy consideration was judged best thoroughbred hunter. The striking grey, **Blue Zip**, an aged gelded son of **Catalan**, under a good ride by his owner, Miss Bruner Hunneman, was awarded the red ribbon with 3rd going to the temperamental **Saldan** by ***Dan 4th**.

Twenty-five of the best hunters of the Philadelphia hunting countries contested over the outside course for Unionville's working hunter blue. In this large class, it was **Sunny Rock** who won this event for the Stewart stables under a beautiful ride by Miss Nancy Penn Smith. The red ribbon was awarded to George Pennock's good working hunter **Grey Gum**, who stands over 17.1 and looks like he would attempt any fence in any man's hunting country, with 3rd going to Miss Nancy Marie Shaw's consistent fencer, **Sanamore**.

Of the 7 pairs of hunters that contested for winning honors, **Calabash** and **Sunny Rock** proved the best and with a faultless performance won further honors for the W. Plunket Stewart's and Miss Nancy Penn Smith. The Brandywine Meadow Farm's **Brushwood Boy**, who under Mrs. John S. Harrison's handling defeated J. Newton Hunsberger's **Houris** for the qualified hunter blue, combined in the pairs with Vernon T. Mercer's **Lady Darlene**, ridden by little Miss Peggy Mills, to win the red ribbon over Mrs. Peter Hagen's entry of **Ruddy Glow** whom Mrs. Hagen rode to victory in the knockdown and out class and **Prince Anon**.

It was easy to discern who would wear the Unionville tri-color when **Calabash** received his 3rd blue ribbon award in the hunter stake. Such good hunter performers as **Houris**, **Miss Nancy Marie Shaw's Kilkenny**, and the W. Plunket Stewart's **Gay Queen** were placed in order behind him. Miss Nancy Penn Smith was also up on the 4th ribbon winner.

The J. Hale Steinman's famous open jumper **Gossip** and tiny, 12-year-old Peggy Mills, won their 6th jumper championship at Unionville. Shown in 4 classes **Gossip** won 3 well deserved blues in the open to all, the touch and out, and the open jumper stake. In addition to these victories little Miss Mills rode Vernon T. Mercer's good hunter mare, **Lady Darlene** to be awarded two 1sts and one 2nd in the 3 children's hunter classes.

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Cub Hunting In Wartime

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The little field that was out came up, three ladies, half a dozen children, a couple of old men. The huntsman was old and grey—well past military age. He looked as if he might have seen service in the last Great War, and saluted as he took his horse from the officer who was holding him near by.

"Thank you, Sir," he said. "Our first cub this season, Sir."

"Is your Master with the forces?" the visitor asked.

"He is Sir—Captain Medfield, Sir—Second Battalion Blankshire Guards."

"When you report to him" the soldier said, "please present Major Bailly's compliments, and tell him I've enjoyed this morning more than any day's hunting I can remember—and I've seen a great many seasons", he added.

The huntsman saluted again—"I hope we may see you out often, Sir", he said, and calling his hounds he moved off to draw again.

Well—we had a good morning. Cubs were plentiful in that part of the country, and the pack accounted for a leash before they were ordered home. We had one nice gallop too, with a few little bits of timber that made one feel that hunting had really begun again, and when hounds rolled their last fox over at the end of the morning, I know that one man at any rate was glad that his regiment was encamped in a hunting country.

As I rode home that day in the brilliant sunshine that has been so prevalent in England this year, it seemed inconceivable that the war was going on, but still more inconceivable that any man should dare to think he could conquer a nation who boasted such light-hearted sportsmen as my officer friend of that morning.

The Chronicle's Sporting Calendar

Racing Calendar

JANUARY 1941

NOVEMBER
1-16. Rockingham Park, New Hampshire Jockey Club, Inc., Salem, N. H. (From Oct. 7).
1-Dec. 7. Bay Meadows, California Jockey Club, Inc., San Mateo, Cal. (From Oct. 12).
San Francisco County Handicap, 1 1-16 mi., all ages, Sat., Nov. 2 \$5,000 Added
California Home-bred Stakes, 6 f., 2-yr. olds, Mon., Nov. 11 \$2,000 Added
Burlingame Handicap, 6 f., all ages, Sat., Nov. 9 \$2,500 Added
Armistice Day Handicap, 1 1-16 mi., all ages, Mon., Nov. 11 \$2,000 Added
Thornton Stakes Handicap, 4 mi., 4 & up, Sat., Nov. 16 \$3,000 Added
Salinas Handicap, 1 1-16 mi., 2-yr. olds, Sat., Nov. 23 \$5,000 Added
Thanksgiving Handicap, 6 f., all ages, Thurs., Nov. 28 \$2,500 Added
Oakland Handicap, 1 1-16 mi., all ages, Sat., Nov. 30 \$2,500 Added
Bay Meadows Handicap, 1 1/2 mi., all ages, Sat., Dec. 7 \$10,000 Added
1-2 Empire City, Empire City Racing Ass'n., Yonkers, N. Y. (From Oct. 21).
The Autumn Day Stakes, about 6 f., 2-yr. old fillies, Sat., Nov. 2 \$7,500 Added
The New Rochelle Handicap, about 6 f., all ages, Sat., Nov. 2 \$5,000 Added
The Westchester Handicap, 1 3-16 mi., 3 & up, Sat., Nov. 2 \$20,000 Added
1-Nov. 15. Pimlico, Maryland Jockey Club, Pimlico, Md.
16-Nov. 30. Bowie, Southern Maryland Agricultural Assn., Bowie, Md.
T. K. Lynch Memorial Handicap, 1 1-16 mi., all ages, Sat., Nov. 16 \$5,000 Added
Endurance Handicap, 1 mi., 70 yds., 2-yr. olds, Thurs., Nov. 21 \$7,500 Added
Prince George Autumn Handicap, 1 1-16 mi., all ages, Sat., Nov. 23 \$5,000 Added
W. F. Burch Memorial Handicap, 6 f., all ages, Wed., Nov. 27 \$5,000 Added
Bryan and O'Hara Memorial Handicap, 1 3-16 mi., 3 & up, Wed., Nov. 30 \$10,000 Added

DECEMBER

2-21. Charles Town Jockey Club, Charles Town, W. Va.
28-Feb. 22. Golden Gate Park, Golden Gate Turf Club, San Francisco, Cal.
Lassie Stakes, 6 f., 2-yr. olds foaled in Cal., Sat., Dec. 22 \$5,000 Added
New York Handicap, 1 1-16 mi., 3 & up, Wed., Jan. 1 \$10,000 Added
Albany Handicap, 7 f., 3 & up, Sat., Jan. 4 \$5,000 Added
Sutter Handicap, 1 mi., 3-yr. olds foaled in Cal., Sat., Jan. 11 \$5,000 Added
Oakland Handicap, 1 mi., 3 & up, Sat., Jan. 18 \$5,000 Added
Pioneer Handicap, 7 f., 3-yr. olds, Sat., Jan. 25 \$5,000 Added
Burns Handicap, 1 1/2 mi., 3 & up, Sat., Feb. 1 \$10,000 Added
Peninsula Handicap, 1 mi., 3-yr. old fillies and mares, Sat., Feb. 8 \$5,000 Added
San Francisco Bay Stakes, 5 f., 2-yr. olds foaled in Cal., Wed., Feb. 12 \$3,500 Added
GOLDEN GATE HANDICAP, 1 1/2 mi., 3 and up, Sat., Feb. 15 \$50,000 Added
Northern California Stakes, 3 f., 2-yr. olds, Wed., Feb. 19 \$3,500 Added
California Derby, 1 1-16 mi., 3-yr. olds, Sat., Feb. 22 \$10,000 Added
28-Mar. 8. San Anita Park, Los Angeles Turf Club, Arcadia, Cal.
California Breeders' Champion Stakes, 1 mi., 2-yr. olds, Sat., Dec. 28 \$15,000 Added
New Year Handicap, 1 mi., 3 & up, Wed., Jan. 1 \$10,000 Added
Santa Maria Stakes, 7 f., 3-yr. old colts and geldings, Sat., Jan. 4 \$10,000 Added
San Pasqual Handicap, 1 1/2 mi., 3-yr. olds, Sat., Jan. 11 \$10,000 Added
Santa Susana Stakes, 7 f., 3-yr. old fillies, Sat., Jan. 18 \$10,000 Added
California-Bred Weight for Age Championship, 1 1-16 mi., all ages, Sat., Jan. 25 \$15,000 Added
San Vicente Stakes, 1 mi., 3-yr. olds, Sat., Feb. 1 \$10,000 Added
Santa Margarita Stakes, 1 1-16 mi., 4 & up, fillies and mares, Sat., Feb. 8 \$10,000 Added
SANTA ANITA DERBY, 1 1/2 mi., 3-yr. olds, Wed., Feb. 12 \$50,000 Added
San Carlos Handicap, 7 f., 3 & up, Sat., Feb. 15 \$10,000 Added
San Antonio Handicap, 1 1-16 mi., 3 & up, Sat., Feb. 22 \$10,000 Added
California-Bred Two-Year Old Stakes, 3 f., 2-yr. olds, Wed., Feb. 28 \$5,000 Added
SANTA ANITA HANDICAP, 1 1/2 mi., 3 & up, Sat., Mar. 1 \$100,000 Added
Juvenile Champion Stakes, 3 f., 2-yr. olds, Wed., Mar. 5 \$5,000 Added
San Juan Capistrano Handicap, 1 1/2 mi., 3 & up, Sat., Mar. 8 \$50,000 Added
30-Jan. 7. Tropical Park, Gables Racing Association, Coral Gables, Fla.

6-Mar. 1. Hialeah Park, Miami Jockey Club, Miami, Fla.
Hialeah Inaugural, 6 f., 3 & up, Wed., Jan. 6 \$5,000 Added
Hialeah Stakes, 6 f., 3 & up, Sat., Jan. 11 \$5,000 Added
The Palm Beach, 7 f., 3 & up, Sat., Jan. 18 \$5,000 Added
The Miami Beach, 1 1-16 mi., turf, 3 & up, Sat., Jan. 25 \$5,000 Added
The Bahamas, 7 f., 3-yr. olds, Sat., Feb. 1 \$5,000 Added
The Black Helen, 7 f., 3 & up, fillies and mares, Sat., Feb. 8 \$5,000 Added
McLennan Memorial, 1 1/2 mi., 3 & up, Sat., Feb. 15 \$10,000 Added
The Flamingo, 1 1/2 mi., 3-yr. olds, Sat., Feb. 22 \$20,000 Added
The Miami Jockey Club Dinner Stakes, 3 f., 2-yr. olds, Mon., Feb. 24 \$2,000 Added
The Evening, 1 1/2 mi., 3 & up, fillies and mares, Fri., Feb. 28 \$5,000 Added
THE WIDENER, 1 1/2 mi., 3 & up, Sat., Mar. 1 \$50,000 Added
Hialeah Juvenile Stakes, 3 f., 2-yr. olds, Sat., Mar. 1 \$5,000 Added

Horse Show Calendar

NOVEMBER

7-13—National Horse Show, Madison Square Garden, N. Y. C.
30—Boulder Brook, N. Y.
30-Dec. 7—International Livestock Exposition, Chicago, Ill.

DECEMBER

—Flintridge Riding Club, Pasadena, Calif. (date to be announced).
14—Brooklyn, N. Y.

Hunt Meeting Calendar

NOVEMBER

2—Pickering Hunt, Phoenixville, Pa.
2—West Hills Racing Association, Huntington, L. I.
5 & 9—United Hunts Racing Ass'n., Belmont Park, Elmont, N. Y.
9—Middleburg Hunt Race Assn., Middleburg, Va.
16—Montpelier Hunt, Montpelier Station, Va.

Sales Calendar

NOVEMBER

6-7-8—Maryland Fall Sales, Sagamore Farm, Glyndon, Md.
14—Manley Carter Sale, Orange, Va.

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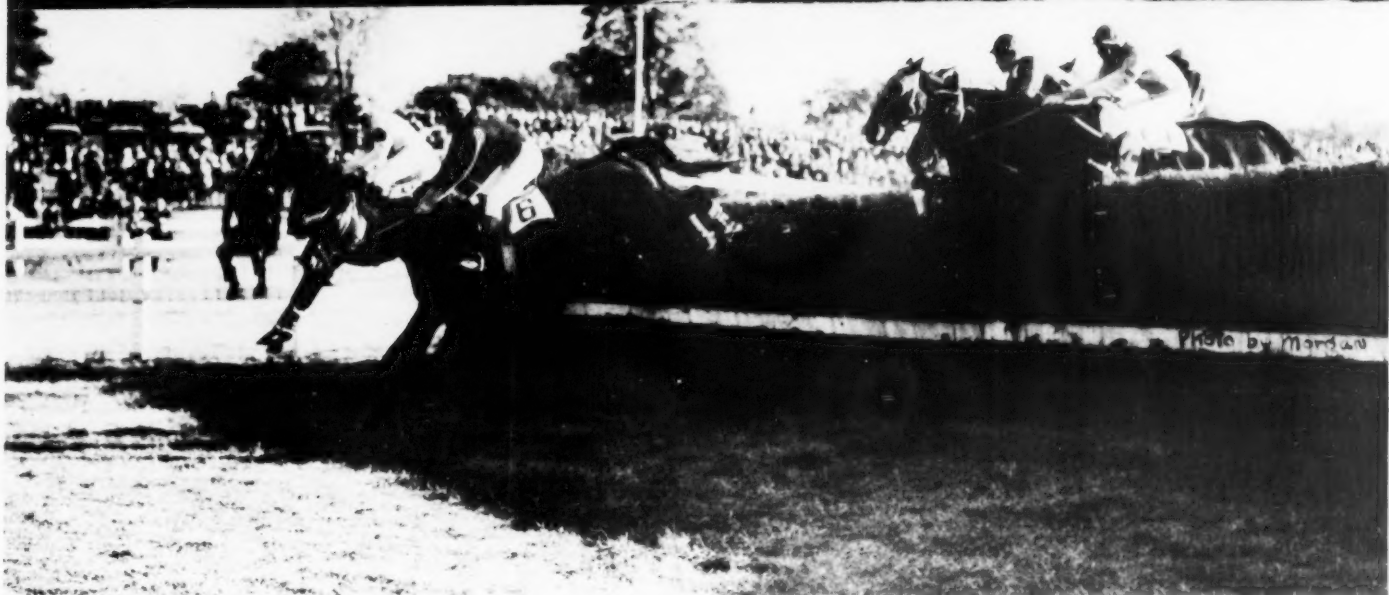
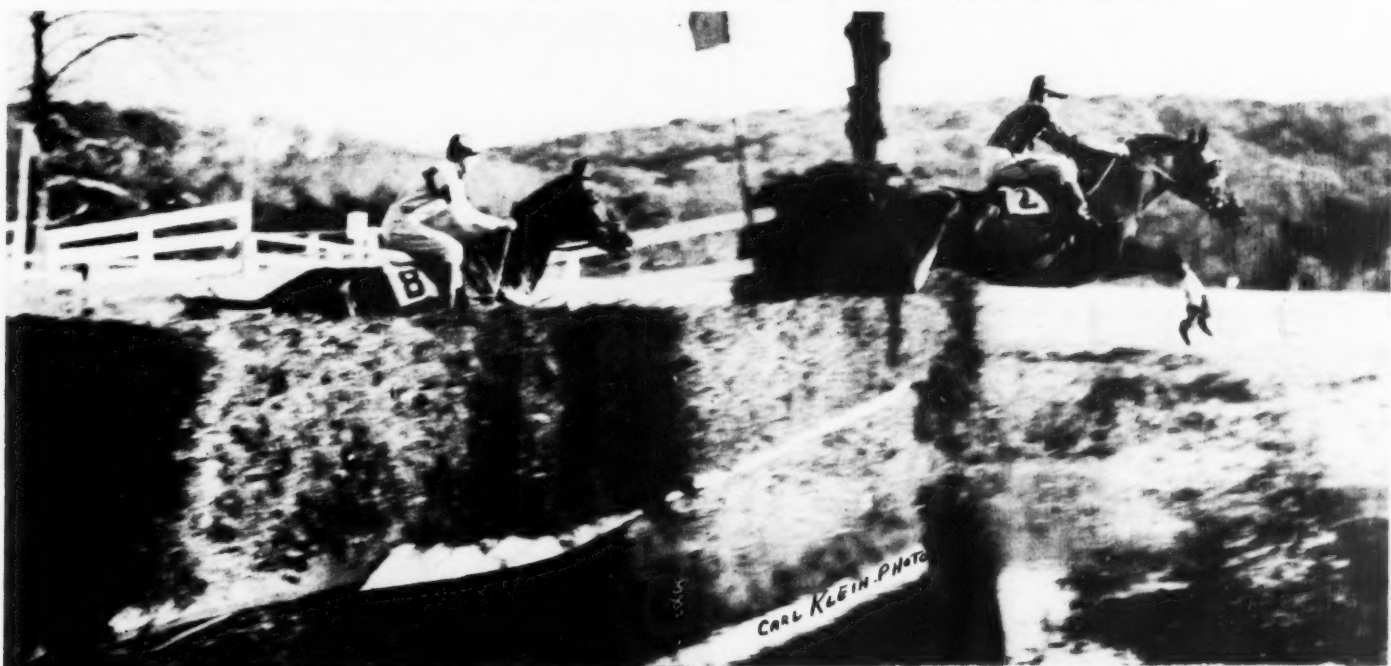


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THE GREAT GAY CHARLES SOARS OVER THE WATER AS *CROOKED WOOD STAYS WITH HIM



Mrs. Gwladys Whitney's GAY CHARLES, #2, won the 5th running of the Fowler Memorial, but his jockey lost the course enroute. Over the water the first time, (top picture), Mr. J. B. Harrison has *CROOKED WOOD, #8, close, but was distanced through the final mile. Mr. Harrison rode a heady race as usual between the flags and accounted for the winner's share of the big \$2,500 added purse when the first two horses were disqualified. In the lower picture he is out on top with R. V. N. Gambrill's TELEMAR, as *FAY COTTAGE, #1, GAY CHARLES and GARMA (green stripes on sleeves) follow in order. This is the first fence.

HANT'S LAST HURDLE BLITZ IN THE BEDMINSTER RACE AT ESSEX, DISPENSER FALLS



Brooks Parker's HANTS, with W. Passmore up, won the first section of the Bedminster Hurdles on Wednesday, at the Essex Meeting, but hit hard at the last, crashing the hurdle, which flew up and brought Richard K. Mellon's DISPENSER, Jockey Magee up, crashing in a smasher. A similar mistake brought HANTS down on Saturday, when George H. Bostwick's WEST HADDON was finishing stronger, and HANTS bothered ARGENTINO, owned by C. Mahlon Kline.



FAIRFIELD & WESTCHESTER MASTER

Richard I. Robinson, M.F.H. Fairfield and Westchester Hounds, rode his own GAY HILL to the working hunter reserve at the recent Greenwich Hunter Show. In addition to placing behind SUN FAUN for the final laurels, this personal mount to hounds of the popular master was also 1st in the class for middle-weight working hunters.



HUNTING FAMILY AT GREENWICH

The Greenwich Hunter Show on October 19 brought out the McCreerys all to compete in the hunting family class. All regular followers to hounds, Dr. and Mrs. John A. McCreery and their three sporting daughters, the Misses Sheila, Joan and Lalande, were awarded the blue in this popular event.

TIMBER TOPPER, POINT-TO-POINT AND SHOW HUNTER

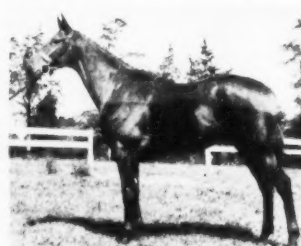


"Five times second over timber, never beaten in a point-to-point and a steady champion or reserve at hunter trials for five years" - Gerard S. Smith's SUN FAUN added one more notable triumph to his career with the working hunter championship at Connecticut's Greenwich Hunter Show, held on October 19. Ridden by his owner, SUN FAUN topped an imposing list of performers, including last year's champion.

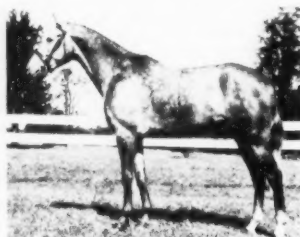
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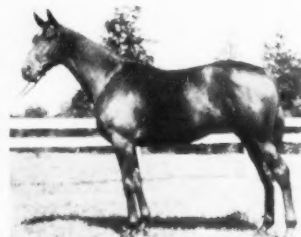
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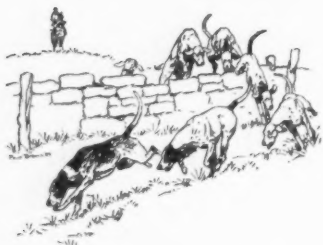
This is a selected group of 40 qualified and green hunters, show and steeplechase prospects, and thoroughbred colts that have been picked for their soundness, quality and ability. They may be seen after November 5th during the afternoons at my stable in Orange, Virginia. Owing to ample protection, the sale will be held rain or shine, all horses will be sold positively to the highest bidder, and no horse catalogued will be sold prior to the auction.

This sale will be held Friday, November 15, starting promptly at 11 o'clock at the Orange Horse Show grounds on Route 15. Excellent train service from New York and the West.

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Foxhunting Notes

The Master Of Mr. Newbold Ely's Hounds Reviews Stanley Reeve's New Book



BY W. NEWBOLD ELY, M. F. H.

The Derrydale Press has just sent me a copy of Stanley Reeve's new book "Red Coats in Chester County." My opinion of it is best expressed by what I am writing Pete Vischer of "Country Life."

It is very embarrassing reviewing a friend's book especially when numbered among your best, so your critic decided to dodge the job of reviewing "Red Coats in Chester County" unless it could honestly be done favorably. So the fact that you're getting a review of Stanley Reeve's book should give you the answer.

We thought that there were no new ways left of writing hunting reminiscences, but Stanley has evolved one,—a most novel and interest holding way; and the tour from "Brookthorpe" to "Runnymede" and back again would be a literary knockout,—even if there were no foxes concerned.

The anecdotes are marvelous,—the beautiful girl the author came across in the Radnor Barrens stark naked, the Mohawk Chief "Thayendanegea" who became the only American Indian Colonel in the British Army, the Indians fishing with bird claws, Kitty being blooded when three or four in nothing but a pair of "cambric panties," old Poacher which carried the author "seventeen seasons and was never down;" Schreck the garbage collector who was the Radnor Hunt's best puppy walker because he just let the hounds eat the garbage and nothing else (and our best had the same vocation).

The accounts of the famed highwayman Sandy Flash treating all at the President Tavern bar to drinks while he kept them covered, Jesse Russell buried standing up on Hunting Hill, the Bishop and the Hollywood siren, the good looking girl behind the bar at the Newtown Square Inn, Costlereagh walking off with the shafts, the Red Coats and the Valley Forgers sharing the charms of the demi-mondes, the author's horse falling over a cow on the covered bridge on a dark cub-hunting morning.—But we're not going to spoil it for you. Go and get your own copy and have it for those evenings before the living room fire.

Charles Town Ups Purse Monies For December

The Charles Town Jockey Club, Inc., which operates the picturesque three-quarter-mile racing plant on the East edge of this historic West Virginia town, announced today, as it released condition books for the first half of its eighteen-day Autumn meeting, increases in purses that are bound to meet with the enthusiastic approval of horse owners and trainers.

The purses at the meeting scheduled to open on Monday, December 2, and to close on Saturday, December 21, will average \$536.50, as against an average of \$467.32 at the 48-day Spring-Summer meeting this year. The average increase per race, then, will be \$69.18.

The Charles Town Jockey Club has increased purse money yearly since 1936, when a total of \$124,700 was distributed among the horse-men participating in its racing. In 1937, purses totalled \$160,800; in 1938, \$209,300. This year, the total will run at least \$247,055.

A new basis for purse distribution has been instituted for the December meeting, with earning opportunities graded in ratio to the class of the horses. The new order calls for \$400 purses in races for 2-year-old maidens and for 2-year-old winners; and for maidens three years old and upward, as well as for all races designed for platers of the \$800 variety.

In the \$500-purse bracket are races designed for horses ranging in selling value from \$1,500 down to \$1,000, whether such races are exclusively for \$1,000, \$1,200 or \$1,500 horses, or for horses anywhere within the bracket.

All races designed for horses ranging in selling value from \$2,000 down to \$1,550, will carry \$600 purses. On Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, the feature races will be worth \$800, while on Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays, the principal attractions will be worth \$1,000.

Visitors to the smart little track in West Virginia's lovely Jefferson County this Autumn will find many improvements. The old barns on the back side of the course have been razed; the infield has been torn up by excavating machinery until in some portions it looks as if it had been the target of divebombers; down the backstretch of the infield, a 75-foot-wide "fill" has been made to create part of the steeplechase course under construction; improvements have been made in the clubhouse and in the administration offices. And, of special interest to horsemen, the racing strip has been resurfaced.

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BLOCKADE

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J. Clothier's **Henchmann**, 165, winner of most timber races this season and C. E. Tuttle's **Blockade**, 157, Maryland Cup star, had never met over 4 miles before, and on every occasion they'd run over 3 miles, **Henchman** had trounced both **Blockade** and his field. It was rather surprising therefore, that **Blockade** was held as high as 2-1 and that the bookies had not taken cognizance of his 4 mile form.

Trainer Janon Fisher, Jr., who has prepared **Blockade** for all timber campaigning over the past 4 years believes that the **Man o'War** son has the most perfect vision of any horse he has ever had anything to do with and in consequence, Mr. Fred Colwill always enjoys superb jumping performances. At Essex last Saturday, **Blockade** romped down to the 1st, where **Henchman** took out a rail, and then contended with **Henchman** to the 2nd, for front-running honors. **Blockade** went into this fence with **Henchman** and Mr. Ned Owen on his quarters and that was the end of the very successful hunting-hunter entry of Mr. Clothier's, as he hit hard, turned over, and rolled out Mr. Owen on the road-way. From there on, **Blockade** made the pace, until the 7th, where Mr. Hugh J. O'Donovan went out on top with his **Justa Racket**, jumping superbly over this, the biggest of the course.

Many hunt-meeting followers were of the thought that this day was a **Justa Racket** day, but they had not reckoned with **Blockade**'s supreme fitness and that he is a "4 mile horse." **Justa Racket** led for one more fence in the first circuit. Then at the 9th, **Blockade** got him in a bad position, to stand him down for his second jumping success. From there on, **Blockade** led the way, squeezed Mr. R. P. Hamilton on **Coq Noir** outside of the barrel going to the 15th, when the latter attempted to come up inside and then at the 21st, the next to the last, **Blockade** stood down John Strawbridge's **Bungtown** with Mr. George Strawbridge riding. **Blockade** accepted every challenge and with perfect form over his fences brought all contenders to grief who tried to leap off his quarters. His win was one of 40 lengths as Allison Stern's **Lucier** tagged along, with Mr. John Bosley III up, and **Coq Noir** cantered home, later after going back to get the flag.

The Wednesday card, which enjoyed the same bright autumnal weather, also brought a crowd of over 2,000 people out for the racing. The feature of this day was won by the home-towner, Richard V. N. Gambrill's **Tioga**, 152, in a stirring 3 horse finish. Mr. John Bosley III was up, riding 2 pounds overweight, to lead home Groton Stable's **Canio**, 148, by a neck, who just nosed out **Red Rain**, 155, for the place. H. Little was up on Mrs. Gwladys Whitney's **Red Rain**. His riding tactics suggested that he thought he had another turn to go before the finish, as when Mr. Bosley III went to the bat in the stretch, Little had only then commenced his move, and he was still riding a whip-finish yards beyond the Judges' stand.

Tioga was rated along in 2nd place for the first half of the contest and under a well judged ride by Mr. Bosley, took the lead with about 1/2 a mile to go. He held on well through the stretch. **Canio** set a fast pace for the Groton Stable entry for the first mile, after the other half, **Oil Operator**, 150, had made a bad landing at the 2nd and lost W. Leonard who

broke his wrist. R. K. Mellon's **Never Surprise**, 160, received interference at the last from **Oil Operator** and fell with Mr. Sidney Watters, Jr.

The hurdle racing was equally good. On Wednesday Brooks Parker's **Hants**, 151, with W. Passmore up, led all the way, making two mistakes, one half way down the back stretch and the other over the last, to win by 3 lengths in the first division of the Bedminster of 1-1/2 miles. Mrs. L. E. Stoddard, Jr's **Star Bramble** jumped badly, but was always close without threatening. R. K. Mellon's **Dispenser**, 151 with J. Magee up, was rated well off the first half, then closed a lot of ground and was a length off **Hants** at the last, where the latter hit and the broken panel jumped up to bring down **Dispenser** in a smasher.

Mr. Bostwick's **West Haddon**, 138, was ridden home an easy winner, by 4 lengths, in the 2nd division of the Bedminster, besting ***Argentino**, 152, and **Felt Slipper** of the same weight. Mr. Harrison rode the Allan Hirsh **Surtax**, 148, to make the pace, but lacked speed in the final drive, to finish 4th.

The last two winners, **West Haddon**, 143, and **Hants**, 153 met in the Wilmerding Memorial Cup, of 1-3-4 miles over hurdles on Saturday, with a field of 6 others, including C. Mahlon Kline's ***Argentino**, 145, Miss Ann M. Dickinson's **Garrynamona**, 153, **Star Bramble**, 150, and others. This was a real horse race from beginning to end. **Hants** made the pace all the way, tired at the last, blundered, hitting the stout hurdle hard to go sprawling. ***Argentino** got the worst of it, as the French-bred had to jump the fallen **Hants**. **West Haddon** won by a length and a half, with ***Argentino** and **Star Bramble** in order.

J. E. Ryan broke out a maiden, ***Flying Friar**, 1/2 brother to **Soldier's Fate**, who has only been over and broken since June. ***Flying Friar**, 144, under a good ride by H. Little, came from behind to win by 2 lengths, besting the pace maker **Monk's Shadow** in the time of 1:22 for the about 6 furlongs.

The other flat race of the meeting was The Peapack, of 1 1-4 miles George H. Boswick, wishing to get a race under his champion chaser ***Cottesmore**, the first since he won the Belmont Grand National last month, was exceedingly sporting in running him over such a moderate distance. Equally sporting was Richard K. Melon in letting ***Longchamp II** go at 165, giving ***Cottesmore** 16 pounds, the latter getting in light as a maiden on the flat. Jockey Magee was smashed hard enough on Wednesday that many were fearful of a broken collar-bone, but the doctors pronounced it a severe bruising, so Mr. J. V. H. "Bobby" Davis got the ride on ***Longchamp II**.

This was the first time that Mr. Davis had been up in some time, but the grand finish he made on the 5-year-old imported son of **Vatout-Sally Switch**, to lose by a scant neck to ***Cottesmore** with F. Slate up, will be remembered well by the many who witnessed the race. As the two mounted the hill to the stretch, Slate had ***Cottesmore** under a drive; he waited until there was but 50 lengths to run and then hit him the two allotted wallops Mr. Bostwick had dictated. ("If you can't win with hitting him twice, leave him alone. I don't want him punished," were the orders in the paddock to Slate). On the other hand, ***Longchamp II** was to be hand-ridden all the way, for this gelding sulks from punishment. In consequence it was a brilliant, hand-driving finish, the

finale of the day and a worthy moment in the racing annals for all who stayed to the end.

The big Fowler Memorial Cup saw ***Crooked Wood** go to the front from the outset, jumping high off his hocks over the big 3rd, 4th, 5th, and then the biggest of all the 6th. Jockey Little sent **Gay Charles** 162 up there then and he was never headed, with ***Crooked Wood** 142,

running in the place position, over the 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, when L. W. Robinson Jr's **Parma** 145, **Fay Cottage**, 140 and Mrs. Louis E. Stoddard, Jr's **Straw Boss**, 164, were in order. The latter, with Jockey F. Slate up, was sagely ridden off the pace, and over the first three fences was a good 10 lengths last. **Straw Boss** takes a strong

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hold and is more tractable when running from behind.

The above order held, with **Gay Charles** out on top by 2 lengths going to the 13th, 14th, 15th, and 16th, wavering and running as if there was great uncertainty in the mind of Jockey Little as to the course. This he finally demonstrated beyond all imagination as he crossed the road and made for the little fence of the smaller course, which abuts the gigantic 6th and 16th. Suddenly appreciating that he was wrong, he swung back sharply to the course, crashed into **Straw Boss** who in turn banged into **Parma**. The horse who is bumped takes the brunt of it and both of these horses made mistakes in their jumping and came down as **Gay Charles** sailed on. Then just as if this was not enough, **Gay Charles** cut a white flag in going to the next fence, the same which ***Fay Cottage** had missed on the first turn.

Gay Charles and ***Fay Cottage** put up a spanking finish. ***Fay Cottage** showed great improvement, and real willingness and ability over the big fences, which are considerably larger than anything he has attempted before. This also goes for **Gay Charles**. The Stewards in due time took down these horses' numbers and put up ***Crooked Wood's**, that he will go down in history as the winner of the 5th renewal of the great Essex feature, the Fowler Memorial, which adds considerable to this Irish import's already splendid record at the hunt-meetings.

SUMMARIES

Wednesday, October 31

The Bedminster, (second division), 3 & up, about 1½ miles over hurdles. Purse \$700. Winner: Brooks Parker's b. g., 4, by Strathleven—Pooks Hill. Trainer: M. H. Dixon.

1. Hands, 151, W. Passmore.....2-1 4-5 2-5
2. Star Bramble, 151, F. Slate.....7-5 3-5
3. Garrynamona, 154, Mr. Jay Arthur.....3-1

The Bedminster, (second division), 3 & up, about 1½ miles over hurdles. Purse \$700. Winner: George H. Bostwick's blk. c., 4, by Neddie—Sun Palatine. Trainer: Mr. Bostwick.
1. West Haddon, 138, Smiley.....3-1 6-5 3-5
2. Argentino, 152, Gallaher.....1-2 0
3. Felt Slipper, 152, H. Little.....0
Also ran: Allan Hirsch's Surtax, 148, J. S. Harrison; J. E. Ryan's Hills of Eireann, 151, Mr. S. Watters, Jr.; Groton Stable's Burgo-man, 133; Jay D. Levinsohn's Arab Call, 142, J. Maletto. Time: 3:01 1-5.

The Froh-Heim Chase, 3 & up, about 2 miles over brush. Purse \$1,400. Winner: R. V. N. Gambrell's b. g., 6, by Pot au Feu—Easle Boy. Trainer: R. G. Woolfe.
1. Tioga, 152, Mr. J. Bosley III.....5-1 2-1 4-5
2. Carlo, 148, Maier.....4-1 2-1
3. Red Rain, 155, H. Little.....0
Also ran: E. J. Husted's Rosarium, J. Monogue; J. H. Whitney's Button Button, 169, P. McKenna; Fell: Groton Stable's Oil Operator, 150, W. Leonard; R. K. Mellon's Never Surprised, 151, Mr. S. Watters, Jr. Time: 4:07.
The Mount Defiance Cup, 4 & up, about 2½ miles over timber. Purse \$300. Winner: Mrs. Turner Wiltshire's ch. g., 4, by Brooms—Don't Ask Me. Trainer: J. S. Harrison.

1. Houseman, 154, Mr. J. S. Harrison.....5-2 0 0
2. Escape III, 162, Mr. S. Watters, Jr.....0 0
Fell: Arthur I. Meigs' Militades, 159, Mr. E. H. Bennett. Time: 5:04 (3 starters).
The Bernardsville, all ages, about 6 furlongs on flat. Purse \$400. Winner: Rokeby Stable's ch. g., 4, by Friar Wile—Flying Baby. Trainer: J. E. Ryan.
1. Flying Friar, 144, H. Little.....10-1 4-1 2-1
2. Monks Shadow, 158, Mr. J. S. Harrison.....3-2 4-5
3. Sweetie Pie, 156, Mr. J. Bosley III.....0
Time: 1:22.

Saturday, October 26

Farmer's Race bona fide owners of Somerset, Morris and Hunterdon counties. Purse \$50. About ½-mile. Winner: George Vorhees' brown mare.

1. Widow, Miss Rose Marie O'Reilly.....7-5 0 0
2. Constant Nymph, Miss Clara Vilet, owner.....2 1
3. Sadie, Miss Elsie Vilet, owner.....0
Also ran: Morning Star, A. Vorhees; Giddy-up, Danielson; House King, W. Allen; Prince, H. Ramsey; Coca Cola, A. Mamsey; Queen, Shorty Kellie; Blackie, J. Kelly. Time: 34 flat.

The Agricultural Hurdle Race, about 1 mile, bona fide owners of Somerset, Morris and Hunterdon Counties. Purse \$50. Bona fide farmers up. Winner: George Vorhees' ch. g., 11, Lena Misha—Unknown.

1. Clock Box, G. Vorhees.....2 0 0
2. Wasnet, J. Kelly.....2 0
3. Betty Ellen, M. Sutton.....2-5
Also ran: T-Bone, H. Lewis. Time: 52 2-5.
The Wilmerding Memorial Cup, about 1½ miles over hurdles, (formerly run over timber), 3 & up. Purse \$500. Value to winner: \$365. Winner: George H. Bostwick's blk. c., 4, by Neddie—Sun Palatine. Trainer: Mr. Bostwick.

'Chase Championship To Be Decided By Temple Gwathmey

A field that may very well decide the steeplechase championship of the year has been named for the Temple Gwathmey Steeplechase Handicap which will be the feature event of the

1. West Haddon, 143, J. Smiley.....4 1 0
2. Argentino, 145, W. Gallaher.....2-5 0
3. Star Bramble, 150, F. Slate.....1
Also ran: R. K. Mellon's Dispenser, 150, Mr. J. S. Harrison; Ann M. Dickinson's Garrynamona, 153, Mr. J. Arthur; Jay D. Levinsohn's Arab Call, 142, J. Maletto; E. W. Lucas, Jr.'s Riverflow, 142, Mr. E. W. Lucas, Jr.; fell: Brooks Parker's Hants, W. Passmore. Time: 3:34.

The Fowler Memorial Cup, 5th Running, about 3 miles, 4 & up, grand national course. Purse \$2,300. Value to winner: \$2,300. Winner: Mrs. Lewis A. Park's br. g., 8, by Drinmore—Luch. Trainer: J. E. Ryan.

1. Gay Charles, 162, H. Little (disqualified).....1 0 0
2. Crooked Wood, 142, Mr. J. S. Harrison.....4 1 0
3. Fay Cottage, 149, J. McGovern (disqualified).....3-5 0
4. Telemark, 132, L. Smith.....2 1
Fell: L. W. Robinson, Jr.'s Parma, 145, S. Banks; Mrs. L. E. Stoddard, Jr.'s Straw Boss, 164, F. Slate. Time: 6:11 flat.

The New Jersey Hunt Cup, 23rd Running, 4 & up. Purse \$500. About 4 miles. Value to winner: \$365. Winner: C. E. Tuttle's ch. g., 11, by Man o'War—Rock Emerald. Trainer: J. Fisher, Jr.

1. Blockade, 157, Mr. Fred Colwill.....2-5 2
2. Lucier, 154, Mr. J. Bosley, III.....1 3-5
3. Coq Noir, 165, Mr. R. P. Hamilton.....3-5

Fell: John Strawbridge's Bungtown, 162, Mr. George Strawbridge; Hugh J. O'Donovan's Justa Racket, 154, owner up; William J. Clothier's Henchman, 165, Mr. E. R. Owner. Time: 8:13 2-5.

The Peapack, 20th Running, 3 & up, about 1½ miles. Purse \$700. Value to winner: \$325. Winner: George H. Bostwick's b. g., 5, by Heverswood—Ruddy Dawn. Trainer: Mr. Bostwick.

1. Cottessmore, 149, F. Slate.....1-2 0 0
2. Longchamp II, 165, J. V. H. Davis.....0 0
3. Brannon, 159, Mr. E. H. Bennett.....0
Also ran: J. L. Kemmerer's Flying Blind, 149, S. Banks; W. W. Vaughan's Ronlan, 149, L. Smith; Morris H. Dixon's Jim Wallace, 149, W. Passmore; Fred Gearhart, Jr.'s Luke Phantom, 153, C. W. Clark II. Time: 2:39 3-5.

Stewards: Anderson Fowler, R. V. N. Gambrell, Amory L. Haskell, William Clothier, Fred H. Parks, F. S. von Stade, Judges: Rufus C. Finch, Henry L. Bell, James C. Brady, Kenneth B. Schley.

United Hunts meet at Belmont Park on Election Day, Tuesday, November 5. The list includes the names of all the 'chasers who have won the big stakes through the season according to the entries which closed last night.

Topping the list is George H. Bostwick's ***Cottessmore** who is at present the outstanding brush horse. He is the winner of the North American Handicap and the Beverwyck at Saratoga, the Meadow Brook and the Grand National at Belmont Park and the Peapack at Far Hills.

Against him in a field of from six to eight starters will be Mrs. C. V. Whitney's **Gay Charles**, Louis B. Mayer's **Ossabaw**, E. B. Schley's **Dolly's Love**, Mrs. J. T. Skinner's **Mad Policy**, the Rokeby Stable's **Good Chance** and Whitelaw Reid's **Bagpipe**.

Even larger fields are likely for the Cherry Malotte, also over brush and the New York Turf Writers' Cup which will make up the three jumping events. Four other races, all on the flat, will be the Garden City Handicap, the Sporting Plate for two year olds, the Richard Peters Challenge Cup and the West Hills, the latter a claiming race at a mile and a sixteenth.

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The Howards of California.

The Charles Howards, of California, whose Seabiscuit Salvator and others sate for the horse of the year and who is now being sculptured life-size for Santa Anita, were at Court Manor Sale, buying at the court of Sun Beau, former world's leading money winner whom Seabiscuit succeeded. The W. L. Branns, of Frederick, Md., whose Chaledon was the horse of the year in 1939 were also on hand; just looking. Completely aloof to all the auction-rapping were *Sun Briar, the horse of many years; his son Sun Beau, the horse of his year; and good old Exterminator, the greatest gelding possibly of all time, with his pal Peanuts the pony. Hundreds looked in on them before leaving Court Manor.

At Court Manor

The Walter J. Salmons, of New York—Adolphe Pons, of his Country Life Farm in Maryland; the W. W. Vaughns, of Red Bank, (he bought the Colin sire Neddie for \$5,500); the Pete A. B. Wideners, Sylvester Labrot (he bought a *Sun Briar mare to add to his Holly Beach, Md., farm); Thomas B. Cromwell of his Bloodstock Agency in Lexington; Ralph B. Strassberger, of N. Y. and Ohio (another *Sun Briar mare buyer); J. M. Roebing and W. H. La Boyteaux, both well to do with New Jersey turf and racing; and B. B. Jones, (of his Audley Farm, which dispersal took place a year ago and he is now concentrating on hogs) were on hand at Court Manor.

Kentucky Breeders.

From out of the West to Court Manor's great dispersal came many well known Kentucky breeders, headed by their literary sage J. A. Estes of the Blood Horse. Among the Kentucky men were Elmer D. Shaffer, Charles Kenney of Coldstream Stud; Louis Beard of the Whitneys; Henry K. Knight, E. K. Thomas, Thomas Platt, Thomas Carr Platt, W. L. Nutter, Ira Drymon, Pat O'Neill, Dr. Eslin Asbury, Horace N. Davis, and son Jr., John W. Wiggins, of the Military Stock Farm; Leslie Combs II, R. W. McIlvain, Burnett Robinson, John Morris, Howard Oots, Douglas Davis, Howard Wells, Charlton Clay, W. B. Miller and Hal Price Headley.

Lookers and Bidders

Some were lookers, some were bidders, few were buyers, so hectic the offerings, at Court Manor's Sale. Byron Foy was candid-cameraing, up from Hot Springs as were the Burley Cocks-es and Mrs. Fay Ingalls. From Middleburg were Dr.

Robert L. Humphrey, the Harry Frosts, Arthur White (he bought Sun Monia, 2-year-old filly by *Sun Briar for \$1,600) Colin MacLeod Jr., a bidder; Louis Duffey, Shelt Glascock, Elizabeth Turner and Louis Merryman, who had bided the night with the Mayor Courtland H. Smith. William du Pont, Jr., was there, so too Hugh Fontaine, the W. Haggin Perrys, Mary Jackson, she searching for conformation bargains and there were no bargains; William Post and Son., of Long Island; Mrs. J. P. Jones with Woods and Hugh Garth of Charlottesville; Humphrey Finney, Editor of the Maryland Horse; the Alex Mackay Smiths and the Abram S. Hewitts (he's been busy Willkie-campaigning and working on a book on economics, letting his *Belfonds—Pilate Montana Hall Farm run for the moment under Mrs. Hewitt's magic eye); Capt. "Jack" Ewart Johnston; Col. John Wall, W. H. Lipscomb, Ernest Redmon, the Allan Hirsh family with Allan Jr., with Dick Carver who has recently taken over the supervision of their *Sun Utar Meadow Lane Farm, near Hot Springs, Va.; Howard Phipps of Wheatley Stable fame; Mrs. Norman Toerge, Mrs. Livingston Hazard, Mrs. Robert Winthrop; Alfred Vanderbilt, whose own yearlings are going up for sale in Maryland this month; and others.

In Court Manor Paddocks

"Don't tell me," said A. M. "Buck" Chichester, of Leesburg, who stands Whizzaway at his farm, "this country is in bad shape," as Ivor Balding paid \$7,900 presumably for C. V. "Sonny" Whitney, to buy *Alberta, an 8-year-old daughter of Diophon—*Flo II. Others there for the sale were: Mrs. James Hamilton of Warrenton and "Dunnotar Farm"; Houghton P. Metcalf, whose High Velocity now stands at stud with his daddy Abbot's Nymph; J. W. Y. Martin with his trainer Frank A. "Downy" Bonsal; Robert C. Winnill, who but recently dispersed his Clovelly Farm horses; Christopher Greer, Jr., of Old Wellbourne conformation hunters; Sen. and Mrs. Thomas Glascock; Kenneth N. Gilpin; Mrs. Ellsworth H. Augustus, on from Cleveland, Ohio to buy; James C. Brady, of War Plumage, Townsend Martin, Gordon Douglas, Raymond Guest, Harvey Shaffer, Sammy Smith, John A. Manfuso, of Aneroid; Gordon Grayson of the Blue Ridge Stud made famous by his father the late Admiral Cary Grayson; and Dr. Cassius Way, of veterinarian fame.

Pimlico Stallion Parade

An attractive moment at Pimlico is the annual parade of Maryland stallions which takes place before the curtain goes up on the Futurity Day proceedings. Making his first bow to the American public this year will be *Bahram, unbeaten triple crown winner who was one of the first of the English war refugees brought to this country. He stands at Alfred Vanderbilt's Sagamore Farm along with Discovery, Identity and Tedious.

Silver Nip At Aldie

An unheralded, but none the less sensational performer at the tiny Aldie Horse Show last Saturday was the phenomenal pony Silver Nip, 3-year-old Florida-bred pinto who does all but speak. With his trainer Joe B. Atkinson of Jacksonville, "Nip" has toured the northern show circuits this past season, leaving each succession of spectators equally astounded at his ability to understand the human language. His many little stunts, such as counting, selecting colors, see-sawing, playing sick and doing any number of little acts such as taking a pencil from a boy's pocket, brushing his master's coat with a whisk broom, all simply at the command of his master's voice, were written up at length in a foregoing issue of The Chronicle.

Aldie Exhibitors

It was a delight to see Mrs. Altamus Whitney riding at the Aldie Show. Many began to fear she had abandoned forever her interests in

the hunting country for that more glamorous land of Hollywood. On-lookers caught their breath, and held it, each time Shirley Payne rode into the ring in a jumping class with his fractured hand done up in splints. To the good manners of Springsbury mounts much credit is due that he didn't injure it more. Little Jack Lee Payne, who is slowly but oh so surely outgrowing Victorian II, has another good one to graduate to in the larger Whipwood with whom he won the Ponies Under Saddle at Aldie.

Relief Ball In Virginia

A gigantic Ball for the benefit of the British War Relief is being whipped into shape by the energetic work of Mrs. Paul Mellon of Upperville and a public spirited group of committee members. There will be Meyer Davis, free champagne up to a point, reserved tables, sponsors with privileges of first consideration for the tables of which accommodations there are hardly enough for the crowd expected. Thanksgiving is a big time in Virginia and the Saturday night of November 23rd, at the North Wales Club in Warrenton should go far towards making it a well remembered one. Added to the festivities, will be a 1941 super de luxe Fordor Sedan that will be chanced off, also a diamond sapphire and gold clip and a case of rare, rosy red Burgundy with the impressive and unforgettable title of Echezeaux Romanee 1933 to be raffled off. Mrs. Mellon is a very competent executive. She has figured out her expenses carefully and plans to use 30 percent of her revenue for expenses. Not a bit more. The sponsors who have been invited to pay for this party have been well selected. If proceeds from the sponsors should exceed the budgeted expense account, it all goes to British Relief.

Grey Coat Sold

The 13-year-old sire Grey Coat who stood for the 1939-40 seasons at Peach Brothers Eastern View Farm near Upperville, Va., has been sold to Augustus Riggs of Baltimore Maryland. Formerly the property of Janon Fisher, Jr., at whose farm The Caves near Eccleston, Md., Grey Coat stood before coming to Virginia, the son of Gnome—Lady Grey, by Grey Leg, was returned to Maryland some time in September.

United Hunts Hosts

The members of the American and Foreign military teams from Chile, Mexico and Cuba who are to compete in the National Horse Show will be guests of the United Hunts Racing Association at Belmont Park on Election day, next Tuesday, November 5. This hospitality extended to the military teams calls to mind that it was the United Hunts that put on the first races for army officers which were inaugurated at Morris Park back in 1905. They continued at Belmont for several years. Entries closed last Tuesday for the forthcoming meeting and were reported well filled in The Temple Gwathmey Memorial Steeplechase Handicap, featured brush event, which will likely provide a show-down between G. H. Bostwick's *Cottesmore, Gwladys Whitney's Gay Charles and Mrs. Louis Stoddard, Jr.'s Straw Boss.

Fashion Show For Middleburg

One of the highlights of the Middleburg Race week-end will be a fashion show, sponsored by the British War Relief Society, Inc., in connection with Mrs. Lloyd N. Tabb's 'Cross Country Shop of Middleburg, Lenthier, Inc., and Vogue of New York. It will be held in the Middleburg-Hollywood Theatre, which has been lent to the occasion by Mrs. Altamus Whitney at 9 o'clock on Friday night, October 8. Vogue will be represented by Mab Wilson, Beauty Editor and Kay Bell, Fashion Editor, as well as one of their ace photographers John Rawlings. From Lenthier will come Russell Burke. All of the modeling will be by the young lovelies from the hunt country; Mrs. Robinson McIlvaine, Mrs. Newell Ward, Jr., Mrs. Charles V. B. Cushman, Mrs. Elizabeth Wight, Mrs. Aldrich Dudley, Jr., Mrs. Christian Hewitt, Mrs. Altamus Whitney and the Misses Winifred Maddux, Mildred McConnell, Mary Owen and Fanny Lyon. Nancy and Barbara Iselin, Eleanor Keith and Margaret Byrd, Patronesses are Miss Charlotte Noland, M. F. H., Mrs. Paul Mellon, Mrs. Thomas Atkinson, Mrs. Courtland Smith, Mrs. Barrington Hall, Mrs. William Selpp, Mrs.

C. Oliver Iselin, Jr., Mrs. Raymond Tartiere, Mrs. Henry Fairfax, Mrs. William Stevenson, Mrs. Southgate Morison, Mrs. Henry D. Whitfield, Mrs. Raymond Belmont and Mrs. Altamus Whitney.

Falling in Virginia Fields

Mrs. Crompton Smith took a bad fall on Monday, out with Middleburg Hounds when her hunter gave her a nasty shaking over a stone-wall. The X-Ray machine disclosed a broken collar-bone. Mrs. Newell J. Ward, Jr., likewise came a cropper, as did the jovial master of Middleburg himself, Daniel C. Sands, whose mount Billy Buttons stepped on a rock over a wall. Delancy Nicoll the earliest and still the most conscientious Willkie worker in the Virginia hunting country, who likewise does honorary whipper-in duties with Orange County, and sometimes takes the field in the absence of Fletcher Harper, M. F. H., rode into a limb and broke a rib on Saturday.

Greenwich Courses

With the annual horse show being combined with the hunter trials it was necessary to have two courses at the recent Greenwich Hunter Show. The courses were new. There was a shorter one of 3-4's of a mile for the conformation hunters and a long one of about 2 miles, for the working, who had to be hunting sound and fit in order to negotiate the 19 fences, which included 12 4'-0" post and rails. "In a country where rail fences are as easy to find as stone walls in Unionville, it was amazing to see the way every horse went on, just as if such panels were a steady diet," said Sheila McCreery.

Accidently—On Purpose

Harry H. Neuberger rode his Town Crier to score in the Billy Brook, coveted Monmouth County hunter trophy, feature of the Monmouth Trials, held last Sunday. He came to grief on his Golden Blaze, in the same event, as did others. Said the genial Monmouth member, "some people ride on purpose, I ride accidently."

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Fox River Valley Newly Organized By D. B. Hull

First Day Provides Surprise As Foxhunters Follow English Pack Over New Country

News comes of Mr. Denison B. Hull, M. F. H. and his newly organized Fox River Valley Hunt, of Barrington, Ill. The hunt has been granted provisional registration by the Masters of Fox Hounds Association. The pack is a private pack owned by the Master. The country is maintained by a club which is supported by dues.

Miss Virginia Cardwell is honorary-secretary; Mr. Hull hunts the hounds; Edgerton Throckmorton is an honorary whipper-in and Maj. H. N. Bate is professional whipper-in and kennel huntsman.

Hounds number ten couples of English. Schedule calls for foxhunting 2 days a week but as the panel program is still incomplete the hunt has only been able to go out one day a week so far.

Fox River Valley Hunt, (Ill.)

Drawing blank is always disappointing, no matter how extenuating the circumstances. But when you do have good fortune in spite of circumstances it is a little hard not to feel proud, even though all credit should go to the hounds.

The newly organized Fox River Valley Hunt had every reason to expect nothing; circumstances were exceedingly difficult. The situation was a fit subject for Surtees' pen. Not only were there all the usual

problems incident to organizing a new hunt—farmers to be won over, country to be opened, panels to be erected, members to be inveigled into paying subscriptions, hounds names to be learned and hounds conditioned,—but there were special problems too: hounds are kennelled twenty miles outside of the hunting country, and were given their road work near the kennels. Since all the problems of opening and paneling the country were handled by a very efficient Hunt Committee, neither the hounds nor the Master, who hunts them, had ever set foot in the country before the first cub hunt. The Master himself had never hunted hounds before; and one whipper-in, a member of the Hunt Committee, had never set eyes on the hounds before they tumbled out of the truck at the meet. The other whipper-in knew the country only in spots—always the other spots. And the rain stopped completely, and the sun came out, and the heat came on, and the country became an arid desert. The only clouds were dust clouds and the clouds on the faces of the hunt staff.

The stage was set for a perfect failure. The result should have been dismal—or funny. It was neither: the score speaks for itself. In eight hunts there have been eight foxes found of which two were killed, two dunned, and four lost. That may be small change to a long established hunt. To a new hunt with Saharan scenting conditions, and with absolutely no one knowing where foxes might lie, so that every draw was a shot in the dark, it speaks well for the work of the English hounds. They draw well, spreading out like a fan in covert. They fly to the least whimper, and they hustle their fox like nobody's business. They have nose, tongue, speed and drive, and the best of road manners,—their manners, indeed, have won over the doubting farmers who feared for their curdogs, ducks, chickens and turkeys. The hounds won't touch hare, wing or haunch. There is not a slacker in the pack—they all hunt well.

Panels are being put up every day so that the country is becoming more accessible every hunt. The farmers like the hunt and like the hunting; several have turned out in blue jeans and stock saddles on their farm horses to watch the hound work. Naturally they are welcomed. And the field is enthusiastic and large—large at least by comparison with the other hunts in the neighborhood. People whom no one would suspect of any interest have come to investigate and stayed because they liked it.

Two events have contributed to the enthusiasm. The first was the arrival

Irondequoit Sees 1st Steeplechase In Its History

BY EDWARD DICKINSON

Irondequoit, N. Y.,—a little town on the shore of Lake Ontario—witnessed its first steeplechase, Sunday, Oct. 20, as the feature event in a gymkhana sponsored by the Irondequoit Spur Club, who last June gave the town its first horse show. Allen E. Dye, riding his own *Miss Punkins* by Northcliffe—*Patrau was the first to go to the post—in this case a wagon track that crossed the temporary ring, set up for the other events; and lined up beside this brown, thoroughbred mare were Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Spittal's *Holiday*, Skiff Fleming's *Clipper Queen* owner up; Skiff Fleming's *Dark Dream*, George Schelter up, Warren Smallride's *Robin Adair*, owner up; and Barfett and Siebert's *Bruce*, Barfett up. *Robin Adair*, like *Miss Punkins* is a thoroughbred; *Holiday*, I believe is halfbred; and the breeding of *Bruce*, *Clipper Queen*, and *Dark Dream* is unknown.

Miss Punkins got away to a splendid start and took the first jump, a wide brush that led out of the ring, magnificently; *Bruce* refused his first try; *Clipper Queen* jumped too close to the outside wing and nearly lost her rider. All made the second jump, a four foot snake fence with *Clipper Queen* catching up on *Robin Adair* and *Holiday*, and passed one of them between the third and fourth jumps—the third a post and rail and the fourth a stone wall. At the fifth jump *Robin Adair* passed *Holiday* and for a moment seemed to gain on *Clipper Queen*, still a long way behind *Miss Punkins*—five more jumps—but no change in position—and the finish: *Miss Punkins*, first; *Clipper Queen* second; *Robin Adair* third; and *Holiday*, fourth.

Mounted games, and two horsemanship classes for junior riders, won respectively, by John B. Deavitt Jr., and John Murphy Jr., completed the afternoon's program.

of a litter of fourteen pups out of Tiverton Brenda '36 by the Duke of Beaufort's Porter '37—all strong and healthy, and every one thriving and growing bigger and stronger. Everyone loves a puppy—a litter of fourteen is irresistible. The second and most recent event was a barn dance for the farmers and their families. An excellent orchestra, beer and pretzels, cider and doughnuts, and a balmy moonlight night brought out over five hundred people.

The season is just beginning and there is still an enormous amount of work to be done to make the hunt a success, but for a first season it promises well. Said one visitor: "You have everything—foxes, a lovely country, bloodstock with which to build a beautiful pack, and a nice crowd. Potentially the Fox River Valley Hunt is one of the best in the country."

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Town Crier

By W. Gartrell



"Teach us, good Lord, to serve Thee as Thou deservest;
To give and not to count the cost;
To fight and not to heed the wounds;
To toil and not to seek for rest;
To labor and not ask for any reward
Save that of knowing that we do Thy will."
—St. Ignatius Loyola.

If you have contracted the habit of working for just what you get out of the job and have lost sympathy for and interest in your fellow-man, if you have reached the state where "the more you see of mankind, the better you like your dog", you need to make a stop at the British Relief Center (if we dare so christen the project which as yet has no name). There your introspection will give way to interest and your interest is sure to be translated into action when you see the whole-hearted support the whole town and countryside is giving this project whose sponsors, Mrs. R. F. Tartiere and Mrs. Wm. C. Seipp, are emphatic in their desire that the movement have no class or caste, but that it be "everybody's business." And this it seems to be, for women came from the four winds to cut out tiny garments for infants yet to enter this vale of tears, dive bombers and submarines. Others carried home yarn from which to knit helmets, sweaters and socks for England's incomparable R. A. F. The Aldie Horticultural Society's twenty-five members will assemble in the sewing room Tuesday of each week for a whole day's work, led by its president, Miss Martha Harris. The Center will be open each week-day and all workers will be welcomed and put to work. Our resources are great and the need is immediate and tragic so—dust off that First World War call to action and Do Your Bit.

We are carrying a spare rabbit's foot and knock on wood and all that because the town isn't Safe any more, what with witches, goblins and the like disporting themselves all about like mad all week before after and on Hallowe'en! It all began Tuesday evening at the school house with a jamboree among the fifth, sixth and seventh grades and spread to the Methodist Church School the next night. There a scavenger hunt sent mysterious forms scurrying about dark alleys, into cellars and up apple trees. Then little Miss Joan Veitch and Miss Marian Robinson staged a soiree Thursday evening that sent the brownies happily home to await another All Saints' Eve.

So simple a thing as the hand of a man in a gold fish bowl changed the current of many a life on Tuesday as the draft lottery held its premiere in the Departmental Auditorium in Washington. Seventeen of Loudoun's sons, a number of whom live here were among the first drawn. Loudoun will do her stint as she did in '17 when her Cavalier-bred fighting men gave an excellent account of themselves.

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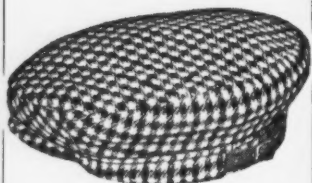


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